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Briefly

Dedication Day at church

The Pontoon Baptist Church is hosting a Dedication Day Sunday, Sept. 5, to celebrate the new church facility it has been constructing.

The day starts with "high attendance" in Bible study at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:45 a.m. and a pot luck dinner at noon.

The dedication service will begin at 2 p.m. It will feature special music as well as a baptism and special words of congratulations from civic leaders, denominational leaders, volunteers who have worked on the building and former pastors and members of the church.

Golfing outlawed at city parks

The Granite City Park District announces that effective immediately there will be no golfing permitted in any of the parks in the system.

When maintaining the parks with mowers or other equipment, the machines have been hitting the balls causing a hazard.

Landlords to meet

United Landlords Association will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4235 Old Allon Road. Guest speakers will be Glenda Goode and Pat Luchini, from the Madison County Housing Authority. The program will explain Section 8 housing through HUD to the landlords.

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Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
Sept. 1, 4-4-4; Pick 4: 7-8-3-5
Little Lotto Game
03-12-31-32
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04-06-19-34-46-47
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Aug. 30: 7-6-2; Pick 4: 4-1-3-3
Little Lotto Game
09-11-12-25-32
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75 years ago

Sept. 3, 1918
Due to a shortage in gasoline, Fuel Administrator Garfield has requested that no automobiles should be driven on Sundays from now until word of an increase in gasoline. Thousands of gallons of gasoline were thought to have been saved last Sunday, the first Sunday of the limitation.

Trivia

What was the total value of the food stamps issued in Madison County in 1992?

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Selph plans 'aggressive' cleanup

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Mayor Ron Selph says he intends to "clean up Granite City."

The 20-year veteran of the police department was not referring to crime, but to run-down houses and other unsightly property when he told the aldermanic Sanitation and Inspection Committee Tuesday night that he wants to step up enforcement on building code violations.

"We're going to take an aggressive approach to cleaning up this city," Selph

told the aldermen.

"I don't care if (residents) don't vote for me next time. We're going to clean this city up."

To achieve that end, Selph wants to consolidate the various city inspectors, currently spread out among several departments, into one department; step up code violation enforcement by eliminating the use of warning tickets; expedite the condemnation of burned-out buildings; and initiate restaurant inspections.

The city currently employs a city

inspector at the sanitation department, a sewer inspector at the street department, a building inspector in the engineering, electrical, and occupancy inspectors.

"The bottom line is I want to cross-train these guys so that they can do all kinds of inspections," Selph said.

He said he realizes that a plumbing inspector is not qualified to inspect electrical wiring, but that a plumbing inspector could do occupancy inspections, for example.

All of the inspectors would be under the

supervision of the city inspector, he said. He also said he wanted to eliminate use of warning tickets for building code violations and health hazards.

"Law abiding citizens, 85 percent of the time, will fix the problem, once it is brought to their attention," Selph said.

"It is the other 15 percent that make the whole city look bad."

Currently, the city issues a warning ticket for such violations. If the problem is not fixed in 30 days, a citation is issued. A court date is set for 30 days

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City government structure assailed

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The most imposing obstacle to Granite City's ability to change course and preserve its future is its ineffective and antiquated governance structure, according to a professional management review.

The Melville report — a review of the city's and township's government and operations — was delivered Wednesday to Mayor Ron Selph and key city business leaders who helped fund the study.

"The city's executive branch, with four independently elected officials (i.e. the mayor, treasurer, clerk and street superintendent) is hopelessly fragmented. The city's legislative branch, with 14 council members elected from seven wards, is probably too large to deal effectively with the city's long-term threats. The township government, with its duplicative services and burdensome budget, is an expensive albatross."

As the city's and the township's elected officials deliberate, their relatively high operating

costs continue to escalate.

— Melville Study

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The 128-page report states.

The report makes numerous detailed, departmental recommendations for improving city and township operations, but the most critical observations are those which deal with citywide issues, the report states.

The report recommends short-term financial fixes, including realigning funds, cutting costs, and temporary revenue infusions, to buy time for more lasting, far-reaching changes.

Major recommendations include adopting a city manager

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Madison finances bleak, accountant says

Deficit projected to \$1.5 million

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

To break even after 1997, Madison would have to cease operation for an entire year just to catch up, says an auditor's projection released Tuesday.

The four-year financial projection for the city, prepared by certified public accountant Dan Donohoo, shows a projected General Fund deficit at the end of fiscal year 1997 of nearly \$1.5 million. Projected general fund revenues for that year are \$12.2 million and expenditures are \$13.7 million, putting the city about a year in the hole.

The projection, requested by the aldermen earlier this year, was presented before a large crowd at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

"It's not a pretty picture. I'm not sure there's any way to find a good side to it," Donohoo told the aldermen. "I think this (projection) is something you will want to spend a lot of time looking over and thinking about."

The projection also shows 1997 deficits in the Liability Insurance Fund (\$93,190), Parks and Recreation Fund (\$30,454) and

Library Fund (\$83,188).



Donohoo

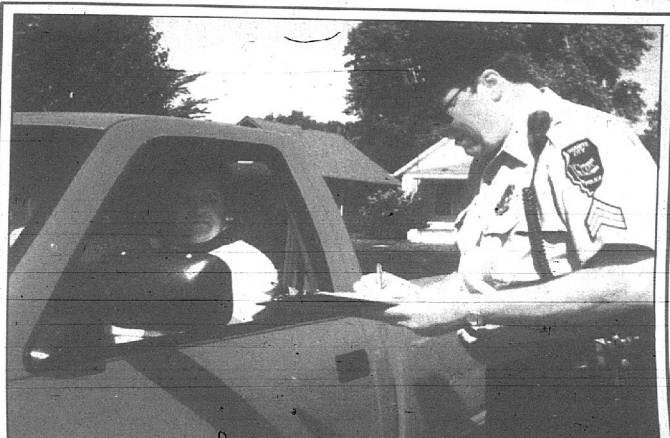
The projection shows 1997 surplus of \$168,711 for the city's Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, but since the city's General Fund owes the IMRF \$300,000, it is a "paper" surplus.

Surpluses are also projected for the Motor Fuel Tax Fund (\$98,013), the Alarm Department Fund (\$315,150), the Shopping Center Fund (\$746,500) and the Police Pension Fund (\$863,277). However, the General Fund owes the Alarm Department Fund \$30,000 and, even with the surplus, the Police Pension Fund is considered underfunded by state standards.

The four-year projection is available for public review at Madison City Hall from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"I think every citizen should take time to look at this report," Alderman Ron Grzywacz said. "I think citizens should know we're not kidding when we say we're in real trouble."

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Friendly warning — Granite City Police Sgt. John Apperson talking with Bryan Cuvar of Granite City during a seat belt warning roadblock. Cuvar and his passenger were wearing their seat belts at the time. Police will be out in force this weekend enforcing the seat belt and DUI laws. See today's Lifestyle, Page 5A, for stories and photos.

Trash fee debated again

A pessimistic estimate of trash collection fee revenue sparked a long, heated debate Tuesday at the Madison City Council meeting.

In a four-year projection of the city's finances, certified public accountant Dan Donohoo listed \$80,000 in annual revenue from the \$9-per-month fee that became effective Wednesday — less than half the amount projected when the aldermen established the fee last month.

Madison Comptroller Jeanne Weidner, who provided Donohoo with the \$80,000 figure, said it was based on the assumption that the number of households in the city may be considerably less than the 2,000 originally estimated and that only half of the households in the city would actually pay their trash bills.

Alderman Morris Horton, the only alderman who voted against the fee, said the lower projection "proves that the \$9 fee was based on inaccurate information or no information at all" and said the city was "wasting its time and



Horton Hamm

money" collecting trash. Alderman John Hamm said that if the \$80,000 projection was accurate he believed the City Council should reconsider the ordinance establishing the fee.

A motion to reconsider failed 3 to 5 with Horton and Alderman Ed Newsome joining Hamm in favor of reconsideration.

Alderman Ron Grzywacz, who initiated the plan for the fee, said the people are going to have to pay for city service

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Suspect in custody in murder

One suspect is in custody in the Wednesday morning murder of a 19-year-old Venice man shot to death in the 100 block of Lee-Wright Homes.

An investigation into the shooting is continuing.

Kartemus N. Leonard, of the 1300 block of Oriole St., was pronounced dead at 2:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, said Madison County Coroner Dallas Burke.

She said Leonard was transported to SEMC at 1:45 a.m. by an ambulance responding to a report of a shooting behind apartment 104 in the Lee-Wright housing complex.

Burke said Leonard had been shot at least twice, once in the knee and once in the

Man charged in alleged kidnapping

A 30-year-old Granite City man has been charged with kidnapping and attempted rape in relation to an alleged incident near the downtown area Monday night.

Curtis J. DuBoise, of the 2300 block of Benton Street, was charged with attempted criminal sexual assault and unlawful restraint in a warrant issued Wednesday.

Bond on the warrant is \$50,000. Granite City police allege that DuBoise threatened a 44-year-old woman with a knife pulled her into his house, locked the door and refused to let her leave.

Monday, DuBoise then allegedly attempted to remove her clothing while she was restrained and bil her.

DuBoise was arrested Tuesday night and charged with disorderly conduct after the alleged victim's son discovered him snooping around her home in West

Granite, according to a police report.

The woman then told police about the alleged kidnapping and rape attempt, which she said occurred at about 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The woman told police that she was walking on 22nd Street near Adams Street when DuBoise approached her on a bicycle, introduced himself, and asked her where she was going, according to a police report.

When she told him she was going to walk around Wilson Park, DuBoise asked if he could come with her, the report states. DuBoise then walked with the woman until they reached the 2300 block of Adams Street, said he was thirsty, and insisted that she go with him to his apartment to get a drink, the report states.

The man then "practically

(See CHARGE, Page 8A)

Going down

Cable TV rate drops a little

By Martin Richter
and Harry Weiner
Staff writers

If you are a local cable television subscriber, you started saving money Wednesday.

That's when new federal regulations aimed at keeping a lid on cable costs and increasing service went into effect.

Dave Miller, system manager for Crown Cable, said nearly all Granite City area cable customers will see a drop in rates. For most, the savings will amount to a little less than \$2.50 per month. "The amount of the decrease will depend on the level of service they are subscribing to," Miller said.

The changes are part of the federal government's 1992 Cable Act. Cable companies had until Wednesday to make changes before the federal rules went into effect.

For most area cable subscribers — including those in Granite City, Venice, Pontoon Beach and unincorporated areas in between — the basic rate will drop to \$21.79 from \$24.15 per month, Miller said. That is the rate charged to customers without any premium channels.

Charges for premium channels and pay per view programs will be unchanged.

In the city of Madison, the change will result in a slightly larger savings. Madison has a slightly different rate than the rest of the area because of calculations required by the new Federal Commu

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Police log

Granite City

Two women charged

Melody A. Buckingham, 36, of the 4000 block of Kathy Drive, and Rachel A. Kinsey, 20, of the 2100 block of State Street, were both arrested at 9:32 p.m. Aug. 25 following an incident in the 2100 block of State Street.

Buckingham was charged with battery and criminal damage to property for allegedly striking a 24-year-old man with her fist and breaking out a window.

Kinsey was charged with two counts of battery for allegedly scratching the same man and his 2-year-old niece.

The women were lodged pending \$214 bail each.

DUI arrest

David L. Durborow, 53, of the 4400 block of Vine Street, was arrested at 2:25 a.m. Aug. 27 for driving under the influence of

alcohol and improper lane usage.

An officer reported seeing a blue 1991 Chevrolet Caprice weaving in the northbound lanes in the 2500 block of Madison Avenue, crossing the yellow double center lines.

Durborow, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

Autos damaged

Police say that nine incidents of vehicle vandalism reported the weekend of Aug. 27-29 are apparently unrelated.

The reports include:
 • Thomas A. Kahl, 42, of the 2900 block of Oregon Avenue, told police that the driver's side rear view mirror on his gray 1986 Dodge Colt was broken earlier in the week.

• Peter Figueroa, 28, an employee of National Food Store, told police that somebody jumped on and dented the hood

of his maroon 1992 Toyota Camry between 5:30 and 11:30 p.m. Aug. 27 while the car was parked on the store parking lot.

• Mardis C. Parson, 22, of the 2200 block of Cleveland Boulevard, told police that somebody threw an egg on the driver's side door of his blue 1988 Ford Thunderbird sometime after 9 p.m. Aug. 27 while the car was parked in front of his home.

• James M. Warchol, 36, of the 2300 block of Wilson Avenue, reported that the driver's side window of his blue 1990 Ford Ranger was broken out the night of Aug. 28-29 while the truck was parked on the street in front of his home.

• John Parker, 38, of the 2100 block of Nevada Avenue, told police that three tires on his red 1986 Chevrolet van were cut sometime after 8 p.m. Aug. 28 while the van was parked on the street.

• Chris A. Ierman, 18, of the 2400 block of Delmar Avenue, reported that all four tires on his

maroon 1990 Saturn were punctured at about 4 a.m. Aug. 29 while the car was parked on the street.

• Susan C. Friese, 36, of the 1100 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, reported that the tires on her maroon 1982 Ford Escort were slashed during the night of Aug. 29 while the car was parked near her apartment.

• Gerald D. Stafford, 31, of the 2300 block of Logan Avenue, told police that both tires on the driver's side of his white 1980 Ford van were cut sometime after 4 a.m. Aug. 29 while the van was parked on the street.

• Virgil E. Hughes, 38, of the 2900 block of Circle Drive, reported that all four tires on his gray 1985 Oldsmobile Toronado were flattened during the early morning hours Aug. 30.

Man charged with sex abuse of daughter

A 38-year-old Granite City man has been charged with sexually abusing his 15-year-old daughter who sought his comfort and sympathy after fighting with her stepfather.

The man was arrested at his home at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday on a felony warrant charging him with aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Bond on the warrant is \$50,000. The girl said she was being physically abused by her stepfather. She sought comfort from her father, was crying on his shoulder, and the father fondled her, Granite City police Det. Rich Werth said.

According to police reports, the girl and her stepfather fought at her mother's home at

about 8 p.m. May 14.

The girl, who was upset by the incident, went to her father's apartment — about seven blocks away — to seek shelter from her stepfather, she told police.

The father, who has since remarried, took his daughter into his bedroom where the two sat on the bed, she told police.

The girl began to cry on her father's shoulder. Both lay back on the bed, and the father kissed the girl on the lips and began rubbing her leg, she told police.

The father then pulled the girl's legs apart, put his hands under her shorts, and fondled the girl, the report states.

The girl then left the apartment and told her mother of the incident.

•Murder

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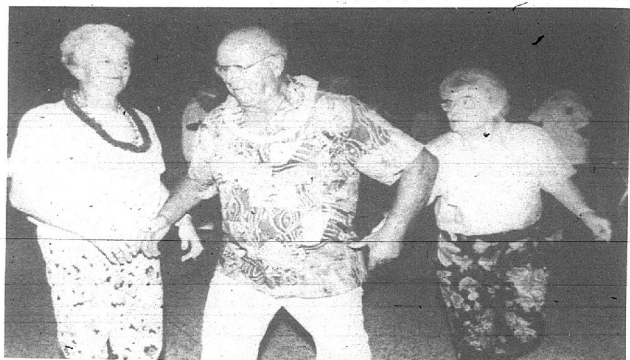
A suspect is in custody, and is being held pending the application of an arrest warrant, according to a DCI press release.

Leonard had been involved in a dispute prior to the shooting, the press release states.

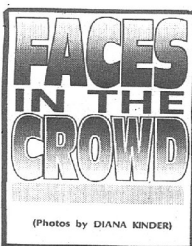
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Hawaiian style — Granite City's Senior Social Club held a Hawaiian dance on Aug. 23 at the Granite City Township hall. In top left photo, dancers from left Pauline Hanson, Wilma Ostresh, Helen Meyers and Eleanor Cook perform a hula dance. In top right photo, Wilma Draper, left, Ed Kaiser and LaVerne Kienle do a round dance to "When the Saints Come Marching In." At bottom left, Lou Hall performs a Hawaiian dance. Below, Dorothea Ashley and Adam Prusak pose for the camera. At bottom right, Mary and Frank Welch dance.



(Photos by DIANA KINDER)



Tax office to be open Saturday

Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus will open his office Saturday for the convenience of people who wish to pay the second installment of 1992 property taxes.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Shimkus' office in the Madison County Administration Building, 187 N. Main St., Edwardsville.

Those who do not pay their taxes before Sept. 9 will be liable for penalties.

Shimkus said people also may pay their taxes at 32 banking locations in the county.

— From the Alton Telegraph

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Voters may get to decide health department plan

Agency's absence stalls funding for program

A Madison County health department could be established without harming the Family Service and Visiting Nurse Association in Alton, county officials said.

But taxpayers might not get off so easy.

The County Board's Health Institutions Committee has voted 3-0 to let residents decide whether to raise the 1-cent tuberculosis clinic property tax to about 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to finance a county health department.

The committee's recommendation, which would put the tax hike question on the March ballot, needs the approval of the full County Board.

The recommendation may be easier for some board members to swallow now that questions regarding the future of FSVNA appear to have been answered.

During recent discussions of the merits of a county health department, some board members raised concerns about the fate of FSVNA and other private agencies that provide health care to the poor.

"What we could do is have our health department contract with FSVNA to provide the services they already have expertise in and the only difference would be the (state) money would be going through the county before it gets to them," board member Bill Little said during Monday's committee meeting.

He was among board members who visited two county health departments in northern Illinois that contract with agencies similar to FSVNA.

Some members, including Health Institutions Committee chairman Bob Stille, were concerned FSVNA would lose out on state money if the county established its own health department.

FSVNA officials could not be reached for comment but have been critical of past calls for a county health department.

Little, a member of the Health Institutions Committee who also heads the powerful Finance Committee, said the state grants FSVNA now receives

SPRINGFIELD — Lack of a health department has put Madison County at the bottom of the heap for the Healthy Moms/Healthy Kids program.

Madison County is one of two counties in the state yet to receive money for the new program designed to help poor mothers and children find affordable health care.

Illinois Department of Public Health spokesman Tom Schafer said the program is normally handled by county health departments.

"We wouldn't be sitting here not trying to decide on this if the county had a health department," he said. "The contracts are almost exclusively handled by local health departments."

Wood River Township Hospital and Family Service and Visiting Nurse Association are competing for the \$645,324 Madison County grant. Schafer said state officials are trying to determine which organization could offer the best care at the lowest cost to the state.

"Every time we get close to a decision we hear

something from the other (applicant) and think we had better go back and check on it," he said.

The other county still without a contract is Carroll County in northwest Illinois, which has about 17,500 residents and no health department.

The Healthy Moms/Healthy Kids program, which was to have begun July 1, was first sidelined by the budget battle in the state legislature. When the budget was hammered out in mid-July, financing for Healthy Moms/Healthy Kids was cut in half.

The state began awarding local contracts after trimming the program to fit the smaller budget. Schafer said the Madison County decision is taking longer because it is the largest area in the state that is not covered by a health department.

"We've got two agencies competing for the contract, and we've got to determine what is best for the agencies and for the people of the county," he said. "It's a very important decision for us."

Wood River Township Hospital President Jerry

Bolandis said the hospital is prepared to begin the program if it is awarded the contract but can't plan ahead until then.

"Madison County is a big county and it needs this program," Bolandis said. "We're very, very anxious to get the process started. We would encourage (the state) to get the process going."

The hospital is seeking the grant as part of its effort to become a federally qualified health center. The status would expedite Medicaid reimbursement to the hospital, making it more profitable to serve poor residents. The hospital's application for the status is under review by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

FSVNA has provided limited case management for poor women under various programs for the past 10 years. President Kathy Rogers said the agency received a three-month interim grant from the state to continue some case management services until Sept. 30.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Hagnauer orders five-day suspension for Lanny Darr

A county official is facing a five-day suspension without pay for an accident in his county-owned car while on duty.

Lanny Darr, director of the county Emergency Management Agency, was cleared earlier this month of drunk driving charges after the prosecutor decided there was insufficient evidence to prove Darr was drunk.

However, County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer Monday ordered a five-day suspension without pay beginning Sept. 8 for violating policies on the use of county-owned vehicles.

Darr was arrested by Bethalto police June 25 after he drove the county car into another car on Illinois 140.

Police reports said Darr smelled of alcohol but he refused

breath and field sobriety tests.

St. Clair County State's Attorney Robert Haine, who was called in to handle the case because of Darr's political connections to the Madison County prosecutor's office, later dismissed the DUI charge, saying the accident and smell of alcohol were not enough to prove Darr was drunk.

But in a letter to Darr dated Monday, Hagnauer ordered the suspension, noting county officials are prohibited from using county-owned property for personal business.

Hagnauer

At the time of the accident, Darr was apparently driving himself and his wife home from dinner, the letter stated.

In addition, Hagnauer's letter chastised Darr for putting the county in an embarrassing situation and specifically barred Darr from providing county vehicles for personal business.

Darr refused to comment Monday.

Hagnauer's decision does not need County Board approval, according to an opinion issued by State's Attorney William Haine.

In the opinion Friday, Haine said the County Board and its various committees are powerless to discipline Darr unless Darr appeals the chairman's decision.

From the Alton Telegraph

Edgar 'delighted' at prison funding

By Peggy O'Farrell
Staff writer

Gov. Jim Edgar says he's "delighted" by the state legislature's release of \$12.7 million in bond funds for converting the old Assumption High School building in East St. Louis into a 600-bed minimum security prison.

"We would like to get out of the business of building new prisons in the state of Illinois," Edgar said Friday, adding that Illinois has the fastest-growing inmate population in the U.S.

The first phase of the new East St. Louis Correctional Center, expected to open next year, will house 50 male inmates. When completed in 1995, the new prison will employ approximately 300 people and will have an annual budget of \$14.5 million, Edgar said.

"It will be a very positive stimulus for this region of the state's economy. These will be good-paying jobs. You will find this will be a good community citizen. It will be, I think, an institution that will be appreciated here in the Metro East area," he said.

The average cost of building a new prison is \$25 million, Edgar continued, and the total cost of converting the old school into a correctional facility will be \$16.5 million.

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— Gov. Jim Edgar

"So not only is it going to create economic opportunities here, it also is from the state's perspective, an economical solution," he said.

Howard Feder, director of the Illinois Department of Corrections, said the new facility will serve as a work camp.

"It will add space to a system crowded to 150 percent of capacity and also allow the Department of Corrections to assist East St. Louis and nearby communities with inmate work crews. Using inmate labor to work in the communities will also help inmates when they return to society. They gain discipline and job experience, which contribute to their self-esteem and positive work habits," he said.

In the last six years, he said, Illinois' inmate population has increased by more than 12,000 inmates.

Inmates have been collecting and recycling discarded tires for

two years at the new prison site, Peters said.

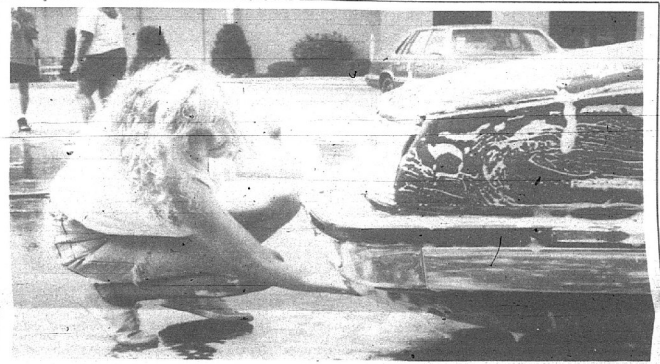
Salvageable tires are used by the state vehicle fleet and others are shredded and used as fuel in plants at Sauget and Decatur.

Edgar said newly approved legislation to provide for more "boot camp" facilities and stiffer penalties for assaulting corrections officers and for armed violence will make the state's prisons safer.

At the same time, he said, the state needs to put more emphasis on cutting inmate recidivism, or returning to the state's correctional system, through drug and alcohol treatment programs and educational efforts.

"We've got to try to find ways to get away from the penitentiary," he said.

"Unfortunately, we haven't put enough emphasis on the programs we offer, and the inmates haven't taken advantage of them," he said.



Clean machine — Heather Bain, a member of the Marching Warrior Band, washes the bumper of a car during the band's car wash on Aug. 14. Proceeds will be used for future band trips.

BAC board approves \$6 million tax levy

By Kevin Glenn
Staff writer

Belleville Area College trustees approved a budget and tax levy for fiscal year 1993-94 that will raise the district property tax rate.

The total tax levy for residents in the BAC district is \$6.04 million, which represents a 14.52 percent increase over last year's levy, according to the budget.

Property taxes extended during fiscal year 1992-93 totalled nearly \$5.3 million.

Trustee Ted Farmer entered the only "no" vote against the budget, saying he opposed "many of the inner provisions."

He said after the special meeting that board spending had taken a more than \$4 million surplus "down to virtually zero."

He added that the new budget based its figures on a six percent jump in enrollment, although actual estimates show

a four percent decline.

"I think we're going to see a debtor college right quick, and I'm scared to death of it," Farmer said.

President Joseph Cipfl said summer enrollment figures showed a modest increase, but confirmed that current numbers were down.

If the six percent increase doesn't occur, he said, the budget will have to be cut. The en-

cial point for determining that need will happen around mid-semester when reliable figures are in, he added.

Cipfl said some cuts will virtually take care of themselves with a drop in enrollment. For instance, the college wouldn't need as many part-time instructors and support staff budgeted if student numbers drop.

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Opinion

Editorials

Adapt to meet crisis ahead

The Melville report on possible restructuring of the municipal government of Granite City, presented to officials Aug. 17, makes a lot of sense on the surface. If services can be provided more easily, less expensively and more effectively, they should be.

If no personalities and no jobs were affected, if no legal or constitutional restrictions were involved, we suspect that many of the recommendations would be implemented, and rather quickly. Of course, there are those "ifs" to be considered.

The city-township, with a single governing board and several executive/administrative offices, exists basically to provide the services collectively that citizens cannot readily provide for themselves.

Collective services are an obvious need: Rather than making each home and business an outpost to enforce adherence to necessary laws and regulations, it is better to hire, train and utilize a police force.

Should each city worker, however, be a "one-trick pony," specializing in one task? Yes, regarding law enforcement, but not necessarily in other instances.

Where it makes sense to combine the duties of firefighters and paramedics, such as in Granite City, so be it. If still other combinations of skills and duties would prove to be efficient, as Melville suggests, they also should be considered.

Common sense and factual information can go a long way toward resolving most issues. Take, for example, the controversial question of eliminating or maintaining a township assessor staff.

If there is extensive duplication now and the property assessing work could be done as well and more cheaply at the county level, fine. But if unduplicated work is substantial and would require as much cost and effort at whatever level, there is no basis for transferring it to Madison County.

In the discussion so far, we've heard little on this point — how many man-hours of work are required? — and yet that information is needed in order to make a sound decision.

If Granite City's home-rule powers (for cities of 25,000 or more people) are adequate to accomplish it, elimination of all or most separate township functions could be a big cost-saver.

Other savings, improvements or streamlinings recommended include:

- Redefining or eliminating the positions of street superintendent, city clerk and city treasurer; reducing employee absenteeism and overtime; combining the sanitation and sewage treatment departments into an environmental services department.

- Creating a department for planning and development; cross-training many employees; expanding communications between and within departments; improving labor relations; pursuing joint ventures such as insurance pools, equipment sharing and regional debt financing; intensifying annexation/consolidation efforts.

- Utilizing Granite City's transportation and access advantages to spur industrial growth on Highway 3; strengthening city code enforcement; developing capital improvement and investment strategies; maximizing use of the latest technologies; and improving productivity through incentives, standardized procedures and record management.

Some of these proposals already have been at least partially implemented. But city officials probably would be the first to admit that more steps can and should be taken.

The city and Chamber of Commerce shared the cost of the study and recommendations, and deserve to be commended for taking this approach. Constructive changes are imperative, and a general blueprint for them now exists.

Where restructuring can be done without damaging services, without damaging those who perform the services and without damaging needed "checks and balances" of authority, it is clear that the municipality should proceed.

Perhaps attrition and reassignments could eliminate much of the pain.

As the author of the report said in presenting it to the city-town government, a crisis looms ahead: If Granite City does not adopt 21st-century techniques, it won't be able to cope with the challenges on its horizon.

Unfair punishment, fair game

The sad look on their faces as they come into the newspaper office can break the hardest heart.

"Please sir, this was the first time I was ever arrested for anything. If my boss reads it in the newspaper, I'll get fired. My career will be over. It's just not fair. Isn't there some way you can keep it from being printed?"

But, if the offense is something the newspaper normally reports, it gets printed. Sadly, for many of these people who made one mistake, it does mean their career is over. Fair or not, for many employers concerned about employee conduct hurting the company image, the first mistake is also the last. Knowing that, it seems tragically unfair that a Granite City firefighter who is charged with molesting a police officer while she was doing her duty will apparently only lose a couple of weeks pay.

With punishment that light, one almost wishes he had been made to write "I will not molest police officers" 100 times on the blackboard. At least there would be some humiliation.

While several officials have said privately that they wish the punishment could be stronger, the officials said it was the first recorded offense in the fireman's record and, besides, the fire department does not have any off-duty rules of conduct.

No rules of conduct? While the police officer was busy dealing with an unrelated battery in which the victim was subsequently hospitalized, this firefighter pressed up against her, blew in her ear, placed his hands on her buttocks, pulled her ponytail and took off her hat and replaced it with his motorcycle hat — laughing the entire time.

Forget specific rules about conduct unbecoming a firefighter — this is conduct unbecoming a human being — and we're pretty sure we're right about this — firefighters fall into that category.

It's not fair of us, but we hope police officers throughout the community have noted the firefighter's conduct. It's not fair of us, but we hope the police, who have ways of dealing with people like this, will keep the conduct in mind whenever the firefighter gets into his. It's not fair of us, but we hope the police will be able to make the firefighter's next couple of months a living hell.

It's not fair of us, but who ever said life is fair?



Letters

Name new grid team the Pilots

TO THE EDITOR:
Barring an unexpected turn of events, in October St. Louis and its region will receive a franchise for a professional football team.

The selection of the right name for our team can provide a tremendous boost to the economy of the St. Louis area.

Owship has not made its decision on a name, but the media have reported that their preference is the Stallions. They will probably make their selection before their presentation to the National Football League on Sept. 21.

Stallions is not the best name for them to submit. It does not signify our economy, and it will not strengthen our grid. Yet, the owners are asking us to support the team by purchasing luxury suites and club seats and to fill the stadium, win or lose, on game days.

The hundreds of communities in the lower Missouri River and middle Mississippi River areas in Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri, whose ownership is counting on to buy tickets and to watch televised games, cannot easily identify with the name.

We need to turn to the rivers for help. In the past and in the present, our two great rivers have formed the "signature" of our city and region.

We are known around the world for our rivers — especially with our survival of the Great Flood of 1937.

The meeting of the rivers at St. Louis/Chouteau Township was a primary reason why we became the Gateway to the West.

The rivers were home to one of the most magnificent boats in history, the steamboat.

And to the steamboat, no respect than the steamboats' pilots. "A pilot must have a head on his shoulders, a keen eye, good qualities which he must also have. He must have good and quick judgment and decision, and a cool, calm courage that no peril can shake." ("Life on the Mississippi," by Mark Twain)

"The Pilots!" That's the name we should choose for our pro football team.

And we could call the stadium "The Pilothouse."

The pilot motif could be used in various ways in the interior of the stadium: a steering wheel, a boat going full steam ahead, the bustling riverfront with boats moored side by side, a closeup of a pilothouse, a pilot behind the wheel, a model of a steamboat, and a picture of Mark Twain.

Our logo would be a pilot: toule-haired, handbeard, mustache and gripping a portion of a steering wheel with both hands as he looks up-river with a commanding gaze. And below the wheel, the name "St. Louis" could appear, which would be picked up in television closeups and beamed across the USA.

Our ownership, with the aid of public funding for the stadium, has remained dedicated to the imposing task of securing a professional football team for St. Louis and the surrounding region. We salute them.

Now we need a name with which we can all identify and which, over the years, will bring billions of dollars in conventions, tourism and new businesses locating in our area.

As an economic area, St. Louis

has a limited ability to advertise.

Another factor: I think the name Stallions would cost us many a game. It would not stimulate our enthusiasm and, in turn, that of the players as well as The Pilots would accomplish.

Sept. 21 will arrive quickly. If you like the name, please write Jerry Clinton, St. Louis NFL Partnership, 2340 Millpark Drive, St. Louis, MO 63043. And spread the word.

CONRAD GASSMAN
St. Louis

Devastation in flooded areas

TO THE EDITOR:
I recently had the opportunity to visit my parents, who live in flooded areas of Hardin, Ill.

Upon my arrival, my mother took my two children and myself downtown to view and photograph some of the devastation. The pictures on television nowhere near prepared me for what I saw with my own eyes.

It tore my heart out to see old homes that had been passed on in the same family for years, now homes people had saved for all their lives to build, rented homes where all people had was their possessions within the walls, and businesses, all washed up by one natural disaster.

It's amazing how it has affected so many lives. During our visit, we took my 10-year-old daughter, Stacy, to the flood center, where supplies were being flown in, to do some volunteer work.

She was put to work right along with the adults. As I was tending to my 15-month-old son, and wasn't getting much work done, my heart swelled with pride watching Stacy unpack boxes of food, run errands and whatever else she was told to do.

She did as much work as the adults and had a whole lot more energy. For two days straight, she was at the center working between seven and 10 hours, taking just meat and bathroom breaks. What an esteem builder it was for her.

My father lost two mobile homes, in the flood, one rented by my sister and her family. The devastation for me has hit close to home. I, myself, haven't lost a thing, but I have gained. Just seeing people, some strangers, coming together to keep each other and their communities going has been an uplifting experience for me.

It's also taught me not to take even the simplest things in life for granted.

The Flood of '93 — you've brought out the best and the worst in people. And even when you're long gone, you'll never be forgotten.

TALITHA JACKSON
Granite City

Basketball OK, also teen center

TO THE EDITOR:

I agree with the home owner on the basketball goals (on city easements). Why should children be forced to travel to a park or school grounds after school hours to practice or play a game of basketball?

Away from home, some kids get started on drugs. Drugs may be sold near some school yards and parks. With our children right at home, the sellers won't be around.

As she says, her street is not a



busy street. The aldermen love to put up stop signs; why not a different kind of sign? "Be alert. Children at play."

We had a teenage recreation place at one time where the teenagers could go to play pool, foosball, pinball, etc., but it closed.

Let's have a "teenage center" for residents of Granite City, Pontoon Beach and Mitchell. Keep the yearly fees cheap so all can afford it. Sell tokens to play machines. Price the soda, chips and pretzels to just over the cost.

Parents would be responsible to bring children and pick them up at closing or when they need to go home.

When my daughter went skating at the Stardust rink, I ended up driving as many as 15 children home because their parents would tell them to walk home, even though some lived in West Granite. I dropped a couple off at a tavern.

This town isn't so big that a partial roadblock couldn't be put up at those streets that have children playing there. Use a sign that reads "Slow. Children at play."

Why do we have residential areas? Why do parents buy homes where children live? Because we want our children to grow up with other children and have a place to play.

Residential areas are not shopping centers or main streets such as Madison Avenue, N. Main, N. Broadway, N. Jefferson Avenue, Pontoon Road or Johnson Road.

Let the children play at home with their neighbor children, even if it is in the street. Or police cars parked together in a parking lot, gabbing. All get together and go around throwing stones at street lights, throwing garbage into yards, walking up and down streets kicking cans at cars and houses, taking dogs, standing in front of stores making it look like they are casing the place, etc.

Also, let's stop seeing two police cars parked together in a business parking lot, gabbing. Yes, they have a meal time coming but we don't need two officers eating at the same time. Stagger it so at least one of those cars is in service at all

times.

C.J. SIMPSON
Granite City

City needs neat look and habits

TO THE EDITOR:
I understand why our trash haulers cannot pick up yard waste, due to our landfills. It is great to see that the people are finally realizing how important the earth is if we are to survive.

But is there anyone out there besides myself who has noticed how sloppy our city is looking nowadays?

The people can no longer burn yard waste, nor can it be picked up by the trash haulers. The yard waste sites were filling up at such a fast pace that the people did not even care that the fences that were provided for us were being torn apart.

Now people are leaving the grass lay where it lands. People who own power blowers are blowing it into the streets and leaving it there.

The schools, vacant lots and some churches are also leaving their yard waste on the sidewalks and streets. And trash that may have been cut up along the way is also being left.

I also walk the park (Wilson Park) every evening of the week. I see maintenance people working all the time, and yet the park still has trash all around it.

I know everyone has to do their part in cleaning up after themselves, especially in a public place such as the park. I also know everyone cannot afford lawnmowers with grass catchers on them. So, we have to work a little longer and harder cleaning up.

I'm sure all cars have ash trays, or we can keep a bag in our cars for trash instead of just throwing our trash onto our city streets and highways.

We need to take a little pride in ourselves and where we live. If we can't do that, then I think our litter laws should be highly enforced.

I mean, what are we saying for our city if it looks trashy? That the people of Granite City are trashy? We all know better than that. So let's prove it.

SHERYL SALAMORE
Granite City

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Lifestyle

Songwriter has recording contract



Lucille Martin

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 831-0221.

Pot luck and fellowship were held Saturday evening in the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizen Hall by the Pontoon Seniors.

Those attending were Otto and Corinne Kreher, Earl and Rose Edmiston, Bob Graves, Bob and Genny Alford, Irene McCaslin, Everett and Alice Hudson, Chalcie Grigsby, Lea Anderson, Helen Cholewick, Vera Bolton, Stanley and Loretta Golab, Leona Bell, Florence Stewart, Carl and Jean Horstmeier, Pete and Evelyn Ferro, Julia Mainor, Andy Sirmurda, Lorraine Parkinson, Lottie Oetrich, Thelma Falls, Sylvia Massman, Helen Nietep, Lois Snipes and Bill and Naomi James.

Georgia Lee Tompkins, singer and songwriter, of Pontoon Beach, is now under contract with the Platinum Records. "Country Girl," a song she has written, is going to be published in a music book titled, "From the Heart."

On Sept. 30 she will be receiving a certificate of lyric writing excellence from Platinum Records and its publishing department. She performs with country bands and does "old-time rock and roll." She can be contacted by calling 797-1356, for more information.

Rev. Ed Hart, Lynn Hart, Ralph and Juanita Craycraft, Louise Haynes and Barbara Chane, all of the Pontoon Baptist Church, attended the "I Survive Breakthrough" growth rally in Alton at the Whitehall Baptist Church.

Special music was presented by the Calvary Baptist Church Choir of Alton. Rev. Ken Spiers gave the welcome and led in the opening prayer. The Sunday school services were spoke on the growing churches.

Michael Dairs of the First Baptist Church of Harrisburg, Ill., guest speaker for the growth rally, said: "Breakthrough happens when we begin to move outside the culture. When there is no vision, the people perish." The benediction was given by Rev. Paul Davis.

Lucille "Trixie" Martin, who is still recuperating at home with a broken hip, celebrated her 84th birthday on Aug. 24. Friends and family surprised her by dropping in with presents and good wishes. Refreshments and birthday cake and ice cream was served.

Visiting her were Marilee Verdu and daughter, Carol, of Mill; Verd; Tim Verd; of Belleville; Janet Berlesman and daughter, Kristy, of Belleville; Kathy L. Green and daughters, Keri and Koortney; Delores Holton; Amanda Langston; Leona Williams, Kay Anderson and granddaughters, Whitney and Ashley; Ruth Bailey; Judy Kewensworth; Tom and Kathy M. Green; and Maxine Green and Robyn Campbell and daughters, Christine and Linda Watson, of Troy.

Citizens of Pontoon remember, Sunday, Sept. 5, will be a great day in history for the community. The new Pontoon Baptist Church building, nearly completed, constructed mostly by church members and friends, and will have special services all day, beginning with high attendance in Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., followed by morning worship and a pot luck dinner at noon.

If you already have a church home, you are invited to attend the special services beginning at 2 p.m. in the auditorium for the dedication of the new building.

Whitetails group banquet Sept. 11

The Land of Goshen Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited will be holding its fourth annual Fund Raising Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the American Legion Hall in Edwardsville.

Dinner will be followed by live and silent auctions of wild life collector art work and raffles for guns, bows, knives, vacation time and more.

For additional information or tickets, those interested may contact Brad Beckhaus at 451-9849 or 452-1161.

On the DUI patrol:

'Sometimes you catch a bunch, sometimes you don't catch any'

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

"Being on DUI patrol is kind of like fishing — sometimes you catch a bunch and sometimes you don't catch any," Patrolman Ray Takmajian says as he and a reporter climb into a specially-equipped patrol car at 7 p.m. on a recent Wednesday.

"There have been shifts the driver of the first car I stopped was drunk, and there have been others where nobody is charged after 30 or 40 stops," Takmajian explains.

The key is to watch for the little things drivers will do when they're drunk, and to make as many contacts as possible.

The car he is driving has all the buzzers and bells.

It has the usual radar gun on the dash, but also comes equipped with a video camera and color monitor that allow Takmajian to videotape the car, the contact with the driver, the field sobriety tests to establish probable cause, and the arrest, a computer that allows Takmajian to "run" license plates and drivers license numbers; and a portable breath analysis machine to measure blood-alcohol content of suspected drunken drivers.

"Video cameras are a great tool," Takmajian says.

"This one was donated by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. I'm not sure yet how it has affected the conviction rate (for drunk drivers), but I know defense attorneys hate to see their clients stumbling around like this."

"It would be great if all the cars had one," he says.

On Sept. 30 the shift by checking out all the local bars; observing how many cars are on the parking lots to see which taverns are "hopping."

At 7:25 p.m., having found that a lounge on Nameoki Road is the popular establishment for the evening, we tuck our breathers away and head for Highway 3.

"Usually, when they leave a bar, they've just finished a drink. What they don't realize is they don't begin to peak — the alcohol hasn't taken full effect yet — until sometime later."

"Usually, they're more intoxicated a half-hour later than they were when they left the bar," Takmajian explains as we ride north on Nameoki Road, heading for Highway 3.

But as we prepare to turn onto West Pontoon Road, we notice that the railroad crossing gates are down, a Norfolk and Southern train sits motionless on the tracks, and cars are going around the gates.

"It's a bad situation. A lot of times, the (railroad employees) will stop the train there and we'll find them eating at



(Staff photos by BOB SLATE)

Sgt. Jeff Parker utilizes the department's newest tool, a portable breath analysis machine, to check a driver's sobriety.

(International House of Pancakes across the street).

"How do you write a ticket for that when the train is stopped and the gates are down for 45 minutes?" Takmajian asked.

"The bad thing is we'll have a fatality or an accident here because people are so used to just going around the gate."

Rather than block traffic and attempt to write 30 or more tickets, Takmajian radios for the dispatcher to contact the railroad tower and find out what the problem is.

We then join the rest of traffic, go around the gates, and begin "trolling" on Highway 3.

"Everybody (on DUI patrol) has a favorite place. I like to patrol the highway because it's where a lot of people speed and we have a lot of accidents here."

"If we can keep the speed down, maybe we can avoid some of those accidents," he says.

We head north and are almost to Hardee's, at the intersection of West Chain of Rocks Road, when the dispatcher radios to say that there is no answer in the railroad tower.

"They're probably eating at IHOP," the dispatcher informs Takmajian. He smiles and shakes his head.

At 7:43 p.m., having found no speeders on the north end of the city, we head back south and get a call.

Takmajian's radar locks in on an older model car with Missouri license plates traveling 72 miles per hour on the highway, where the limit is 55 mph.

The driver exits at West Pontoon Road, where we find that the train has cleared the tracks.

Takmajian follows the car for a short distance and turns on the video camera. At Nameoki, the driver is turning right and Takmajian activates his emergency lights.

The driver, a man in his 60s, appears confused. From his wide right turn onto

the parking lot at Crossroads Plaza, Takmajian concludes that the driver has either been drinking or he isn't sure whether to pull over or let the police car pass (even though he probably realizes he's the one Takmajian is after).

And Takmajian is right on both counts: The driver admits to having had "one beer in Missouri," and fumbles nervously through his wallet for a drivers license.

It turns out the man has three licenses — two of them expired — and finally comes up with a third, valid license.

Takmajian sees an open beer can on the floorboard and a brown paper bag.

The man sheepishly hands the can to Takmajian, who decides that the man is OK, the can is warm and has apparently been in the car for a while.

The bag contains five cold cans of the same brand beer.

"That's awfully close to probable cause, but I don't think this guy is drunk," Takmajian confides.

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DUI arrest: protests, paperwork and tears

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

It took less than an hour Friday night for Sgt. Jeff Parker to book a drunken driver while on special DUI patrol.

Parker clocked a blue 1993 Pontiac Grand Prix at 46 miles per hour in a 30-miles-per-hour zone on eastbound Edwardsville Road near Granite City Steel at about 11 a.m. Saturday.

The car stopped in the left turn lane at the flashing red light at 20th Street. The driver turned, but cut the turn too sharply and almost struck the median between the northbound and southbound lanes of 20th.

The driver, topped, backed up into traffic, and completed his turn.

Parker stopped the driver, a 27-year-old Granite City man who said he had been at a party after work in St. Louis, two blocks down the road.

After checking the man's license and insurance, Parker, suspicious that the driver's judgment was impaired, asked the man to perform a series of field sobriety tests on the sidewalk.

The driver failed all three tests, but insisted that his driving ability was not impaired.

"Please, sir, I would ask that you check with your fellow officers. They can vouch for my integrity and sobriety," the man urged Parker for the first of what turned out to be at least 20 times during the course of the arrest.

It is understandable that Parker has little sympathy for people who drive when they shouldn't. He knows firsthand the damage that a drunken driver can do. His brother was killed by an alcohol-impaired driver in New York.

Once at the station, the driver insists through red, glassy eyes and slurred speech that he is a "law-abiding citizen with a clean record."

"Why aren't you out there arresting real criminals?" the driver asks.

"They usually either try to talk you out of (issuing a ticket) or get violent. They almost always try to blame the officer."

— Sgt. Jeff Parker

"I guess if I had robbed somebody or killed somebody, I would be OK."

Parker listens patiently to the litany he has heard it before — as the driver's moods swing from manic jabbering and joking to depressed, silent sobbing and back again.

The driver insists that he is going to lose his job, that his parents are going to disown him and that he is going to end up in prison.

It is all Parker's fault.

"I know, I poured the alcohol down your throat," Parker says as he continues to fill out form after form from the DUI arrest kit.

Finally, after issuing tickets for speeding and improper lane usage, asking preliminary questions and filling out forms, and reading the driver the "warning to motorists" as required by law, Parker asks the man if he will blow into the Intoxometer 3000 — a machine which measures breath-alcohol content.

The man agrees to blow.

After a 20-minute observation period, the man blows a .21 — more than twice the legal limit of .10.

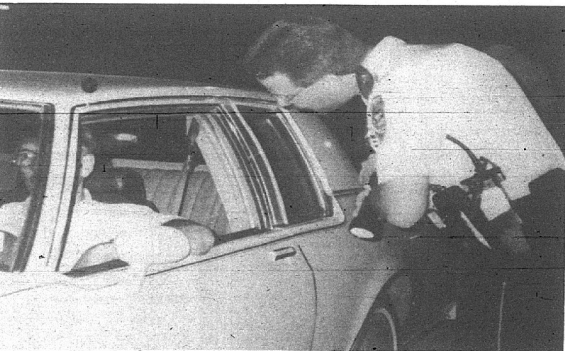
Parker reads the driver his Miranda rights, the man agrees to answer all questions, and more paperwork is completed.

Finally, about two hours after the initial traffic stop, police call a cab to pick the driver up at the station and take him home.

Parker says the arrest is typical among DUI offenders.

"They usually either try to talk you out of (issuing a ticket) or get violent," Parker said.

"They almost always try to blame the officer."



Patrolman Ray Takmajian reminds a driver to fasten his seat belt during a roadblock.

Belt crackdown under way

With the Labor Day holiday approaching — a weekend that is traditionally plagued with traffic accidents — the Granite City police department is participating this week in "Operation Buckle-down," a statewide program cracking down on offenders of seat belt laws.

While the department held roadblocks and issued verbal and written warnings the week of Aug. 22, offenders this week are being slapped with a ticket and a fine.

Roadblocks were set up in various locations throughout the city on each of the three police department shifts every day this week.

Although the program was publicized in the newspaper and on local community access cable Channel 6, 39 offenders were issued tickets in a one-and-a-half hour period Monday morning during the first roadblock at 27th Street and Washington Avenue, said Assistant Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen.

Facts and Figures

Ruebhausen shared some statistics compiled by the National Safety Belt Coalition:

➤ Married drivers (58 percent of them) buckle up more often than single drivers.

➤ Americans who earn \$40,000 or more

are more likely to wear safety belts, while fewer than half of those who earn \$20,000 or less buckle up regularly.

Drivers of silver cars are the most likely to buckle up. Those who drive blue, black and maroon cars are least likely to wear safety belts.

Residents of metropolitan areas are more likely to buckle up than residents of rural areas.

Drivers of Japanese manufactured cars are most likely to wear their seat belts, followed by drivers of European cars and then drivers of American-made automobiles.

➤ Only 48 percent of those with less than a high school education always wear safety belts, compared to 68 percent of those who attended college.

➤ While 63 percent of women always buckle up, only 51 percent of men always wear safety belts.

➤ Americans living on the West Coast are more likely to buckle up than those in other regions of the country.

"These are gentle reminders to everyone of the importance of buckling up," Ruebhausen said.

"Our not-so-gentle reminders will include increased enforcement efforts over the holiday weekend, so buckle up," he said.

Briefly

Defense office plans auction

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at Scott Air Force Base will hold a local auction of government surplus property on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 9 a.m. at the base theatre, building 1670.

Property will be located at DRMO Scott and DRMO Granite City. Location of property is as follows: building 4157, SAFB and Caseyville Township Building, 1001 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights, on Thursdays beginning Sept. 16. Property may be inspected between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sept. 1, 2 and 3 at both property sites. The general public is invited. For more information concerning government surplus sales, call the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at SAFB, 256-3105.

Racial Harmony group to meet

The Racial Harmony group will meet at 6 p.m., Sept. 8, at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville-East St. Louis Center, 411 E. Broadway, East St. Louis.

A special production called "Diversity" will be performed by the Katherine Dunham SIUE Unity Theatre Ensemble. It was written by Ralph Greaney.

A discussion and refreshments will follow the production. Call Paula Braly at 234-2560 for rides to the meeting from Belleville.

Bridge workshops planned

Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons will offer two seven-session, bridge workshops at the Caseyville Township Building, 1001 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights, on Thursdays beginning Sept. 16.

Beginning bridge workshops will be offered from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Intermediate bridge workshops will be offered from 1-3 p.m. Classes will conclude on Oct. 28.

The fee is \$5 per seven-session workshop. Supplies cost an additional \$5.

Those interested in enrolling may call 234-4410; extension 20, or 1-800-BAC-6131, extension 393, to register.

The sessions are part of SPOP's Lifelong Learning Series.

Loan defaulters to get help

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission is offering assistance to defaulted student loan borrowers through a student loan rehabilitation program.

Borrowers are offered the opportunity to remove their loans from default, have the negative status removed from their credit bureau records and have collection activity cease. Borrowers may also be reinstated as eligible for state and federal student financial aid as part of this process.

Students currently in default who have borrowed in the Federal Family Education Loan Program may be eligible for the rehabilitation program. The FFELP loans include Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Student Loans, Federal Supplemental Loans for Students, Federal PLUS Loans, Federal Consolidation Loans and Illinois Opportunity Loans.

Some restrictions do apply to borrowers are urged to contact ISAC at 1-800-WE-HELP 2 (1-800-934-3572) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

IDOT highway map available

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced the new 1993-94 official highway map is available for free distribution. The map covers the 175th anniversary of Illinois statehood. The cover features a map of the Illinois Territory when it became a state in 1818, a picture of the first state capitol in Kaskaskia, a copy of the first Illinois Constitution and the state seal.

The 1993-94 highway map is the first map completely done in-house at the Illinois Department of Transportation, which was made possible by creating a computer-generated base map for the 1991-92 edition. The map features enhanced colors to make it easier to read, an update of the corporate limits of cities enlarged on the reverse side and shows the completed Interstate 39 between Bloomington and Rockford and Interstate 155 between Lincoln and Morton.

Maps will be available in limited quantities at the Department of Transportation offices throughout the state, or by writing to IDOT/MAP, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Ill. 62764.

MS group seeking nominations

The Gateway Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is seeking nominations for their 1993 Individual Achievement Award, Mother of the Year and Father of the Year awards. These individuals must reside in eastern Missouri or Southern Illinois.

If you know someone with MS who has faced significant challenges brought about by MS and whose courage and positive attitude have served as an inspiration, we want to hear from you.

Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the MS Helpline at (314) 241-8285 or 1-800-628-1753.

Despite flooding, crop yield was high

Some farm areas benefited from heavy rainfall, analysts say

Illinois farmers lost more crop acres to flooding this summer than they ever have, but yields are still expected to be among the highest on record.

U.S. Department of Agriculture crop estimates released Aug. 11 pegged the size of the Illinois corn crop at 1.4 billion bushels, 14 percent less than last year but still the second largest since 1986.

Corn growers have lost 300,000 planted acres since June, most due to flooding, but are expected to harvest an average of 140 bushels per acre, the second-highest average on record. Last year's average was 149 bushels per acre.

Nationally, corn production is expected to be down 22 percent from last year's record, at 7.42 billion bushels.

Around 400,000 acres of Illinois soybeans have been lost to the flooding since crop estimates made in June. That is the most abandoned soybean acres ever, according to the report.

Still, with yields projected at 42 bushels an acre — which would be the third highest ever — the agriculture department expects Illinois farmers to harvest 363.4 million bushels, 10 percent less than last year.

Nationally, the soybean crop is forecast at 1.9 billion bushels, 13 percent less than last year.

Outside the flood zone, however, crop watchers reported most corn and soybean fields looked good.

"Areas with good drainage have actually benefited from all the rain," said Mark Linstedt, an agricultural statistician for the Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service.

The crops were planted late because of spring rains "but germinated right away with all the moisture in the ground and got off to a fast start," Linstedt said. "There really hasn't been the hot weather that would slow them down."

Commodity analysts at the Chicago Board of Trade questioned whether overall the

current crops will actually produce yields as high as the USDA projects: 116 bushels an acre nationally for corn and 33.8 bushels an acre for soybeans.

"The first reaction on the (trading) floor was a little bit negative until it was clear they were using a higher yield figure" than many private analysts are projecting, said David O'Keefe, vice president of Rodman and Renshaw.

More than half the crops planted in the northern Corn Belt, including Minnesota and Iowa, may reach maturity after the normal frost dates for those areas, according to agricultural meteorologist Jon Davis, who based maturity on the dates of tasseling.

However, the chances of an exceptionally early frost do not seem to be great, Davis said, based on a study of past years with wetter-than-normal Julys.

"There was a very consistent answer," he said. "If you looked at wet July conditions, there was a bias toward warmer than normal temperatures in September."

Scoop it

St. Clair County OKs pet law

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

Pesky pups and devilish dogs will have to watch their steps in unincorporated St. Clair County if they want to save their owners from court fines and fees.

A new "pooper-scooper" law was approved by the St. Clair County Board Monday after numerous calls for such action by residents affected by pets who poop on others' property.

"It's been an ongoing problem," said board member Thomas Holbrook. "Any civilized area makes people responsible for themselves, their animals and their children."

He said the board reacted to the demands of residents in areas which are outside a city's jurisdiction, but where houses are in close proximity.

Board member Wade Brunsman said only a small portion of District 14 that he represents would be covered by the law, but he often hears complaints from residents.

"I just got a call this week-end," he said.

Brunsmann said he even spent a couple of days watching a complaining constituent's yard only to discover their next-door neighbor's pet was the culprit.

Violating the law the first time could bring a fine of \$50 or more, but Holbrook said the extra pinch might make a resident reconsider where their pet goes to poop and what they will do about it afterwards.

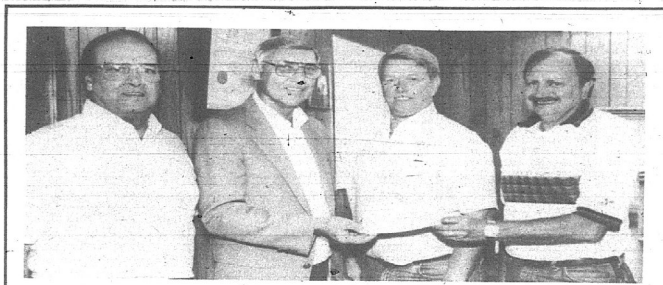
"It would make citizens at least more aware that there are consequences if they don't act in a civil manner," he said.

The county will not go out looking for lawbreakers, but will react whenever a complaint is filed.

Belleville city officials approved their first "pooper-scooper" law last month.

In other business, the County Board: • Paid \$457,300 for two parcels of land (22.75 acres) on Illinois Route 4 for Scott Joint Use. A .92-acre parcel was purchased for \$348,000 from the villages of Summitfield, Lebanon and Mascoutah; and the second 21.83-acre parcel was purchased from Magna Bank of St. Clair County.

Approved a \$300,000 contract with four firms to provide surveying services for Scott Joint Use. The firms—M.B. Corlew and Associates Inc. (Edwardsville), Hurst-Rosche Engineers Inc. (East St. Louis), Juneau Associates Inc. (Granite City) and Rhtasell and Associates Inc. (Freeburg)—each will receive \$75,000 for their work.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Local donates to union disaster fund — Local 50 of the International Chemical Workers Union has presented a check for \$2,500 to the International Chemical Workers Union Disaster Fund. This fund is used to help Chemical Workers who are out of jobs or who lost their homes due to recent flooding. The Chemical Workers Fund was first started for Hurricane Andrew victims. From left are Neen Prichard, International Chemical Workers representative; Virgil Casey, Chemical Workers regional director; Gary Spray, Local 50 financial secretary; and Jerry Siner, Local 50 president.

Aid office air to be improved

SPRINGFIELD — A landlord has pledged to clear the air at the East Alton Public Aid office after a critical federal inspection.

"We're going to put in some kind of air return that will circulate more fresh air and alleviate the problem," landlord Larry Manns of Bethalto said.

Manns said he would make the changes in response to the federal health and safety team's finding of poor ventilation and dirty conditions at the Illinois Department of Public Aid office, 608 W. St. Louis Ave.

The report, just released by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, was based on a June 28 and 29 visit and interviews with Public Aid employees.

A hygienist and a health behavior researcher from Washington conducted the study at the request of Bill Tope, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees steward in the East Alton office, which employs about 54. Hundreds of welfare recipients also visit the building.

Tope said Manns has failed to live up to his responsibilities as landlord. The federal inspection verified many of the complaints made by East Alton Public Aid employees in a series of newspaper articles in January.

"A higher incidence of paid employee sick days, diminished

worker productivity, and a very real and persistent physical threat to workers' welfare clients and anyone else who ventures into this building are the logical results of maintaining residence in this pesthole and a good argument for moving to sounder quarters," Tope said.

Manns said he expected the ventilation changes will cost him "thousands of dollars." It will take about two weeks to get the parts for the air-conditioning units on the roof.

He said the air-conditioning system was installed seven or eight years ago and was done by his contractor, based on specifications provided by the state.

Manns said air testing done by a state agency about three years ago found "no problem."

Public Aid spokeswoman Debbie Manetta said, "We are going to make sure what needs to be done to take care of the recommendations in the report is carried out."

Initial changes to the ventilation system will increase the fresh air entering the building by 10 percent, she said.

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Obituaries

Kathline Wente

Kathline Sue Marie Wente, five days old, of Granite City, died at 2:50 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 1993, at Cardinal Glennan Children's Hospital, St. Louis. She was born Aug. 25, 1993, in Chesterfield, Mo.

Survivors include her mother, Brenda Wente, her grandmother, Wanda Wente of Granite City; and four aunts, Ginni Eaton of Collinsville, Elaine Pollock of Kansas City, Tami Hong of Chicago and Barbara Moser of Granite City.

Services were held Wednesday at First Assembly of God Church, Granite City, with the Rev. Ben Leonard officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Robert Turner

Robert Otis Turner, 64, of Granite City, died at his home on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1993, at his residence.

He was retired from Granite City Steel.

Survivors include one son, Bob Turner, of Granite City; five daughters, Susan, Cheryl, Stafford, Vicki Wise and Pam Kendall, all of Granite City; and Tina Turner of Kansas City; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cheryl, who died in 1987.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, 631-9900.

Richard Gavin

Richard E. Gavin, 71, of Cahokia, died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1993, at his brother's home in Granite City.

Survivors include two brothers, Thomas and John, both of Granite City; and Paul Gavin of Belleville; two sisters-in-law, and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City; and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at Perfection Funeral Home, Panama, Ill., where services are at noon Friday with the Rev. Linda Miller officiating. Burial will be at Sunnyside Cemetery, Sorento, Ill.

Memorials are requested for the First Methodist Church.

Jewell Jones

Jewell Marie (Havron) Jones, 90, of Madison, died at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 1993, at Eden Village Care Center, Glen Carbon, after a four-year illness. She was born Oct. 20, 1902, in New Douglas, Ill.

She was a manager for area restaurants, a member of First Methodist Church, Madison, Madison Senior Citizens; and Nickel Plate Railroad Club.

Survivors include one son, Dallas Jones of Granite City; two daughters, Doris Joan Savage of Peoria and Beverly Thruschell of Coffey, Ill.; three sisters, Leona Hamby of Hillsboro, Ill., Dorothy Blackburn of Mattoon and Bertha McCollough of Litchfield, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley T. Jones, who died April 8, 1984; one son, Wesley Eugene Jones; her parents, Walter and Sally (Daggett) Havron; and one granddaughter, Kathy Lynn Nunn.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City; and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at Perfection Funeral Home, Panama, Ill., where services are at noon Friday with the Rev. Linda Miller officiating. Burial will be at Sunnyside Cemetery, Sorento, Ill.

Memorials are requested for the First Methodist Church.

Selph

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later, and a judge will usually give a property owner another 30 days to rectify the situation, Selph said.

"We want to eliminate the first 30 days of this lengthy process," Selph said.

He warned the aldermen that they will probably get complaints from citizens about eliminating the warning tickets.

"But this is a new administration, it isn't the old administration. We're going to take an aggressive approach to this," Selph said.

Alderman Nick Petrillo, chairman of the Sanitation and Inspection Committee, vowed to support the move.

"Let's throw politics out the

window. I don't care if it's your sister or my brother (being cited). Let's clean it up," Petrillo said.

Selph noted that, if a resident who has received a citation for a violation refuses to take the problem quickly, the ticket can be dismissed before it gets to court.

He said that he wants to train city inspectors to write state tickets for statutory violations.

"Part of our problem is our ordinance has no teeth to it. But punishment for statutory violations can include seven days jail for that, which gets the attention of some of these slum landlords," Selph said.

He said he has also been working with the city to expedite the process of condemning burned out buildings — a problem Selph said has

Martha Hayes

Martha J. (Baker) Hayes, 72, of Madison, formerly of Mattoon, died at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 1993, at Jewish Hospital, St. Louis. She was born March 29, 1921, in Mattoon and had been a resident of Madison for the past 46 years.

She was a teacher in the Madison School District for 46 years, prior to her retirement in 1989; a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison; an American Federation of Teachers; Madison County Unit of Retired Teachers; Delta Kappa Gamma Society; Women of the Symphony; and Friends of the St. Louis Zoo.

Survivors include her husband, James F. Hayes, whom she married Aug. 22, 1953, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison; one son, David Baker of Mattoon; one sister, Joan Strohl of Indianapolis; one nephew, and five nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Louise (Templeton) Baker.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Lohay/Sedlak Mortuary, 615 Madison Ave., Madison, where a rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday. Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10th and Alton Avenue, with the Rev. Jim Keefe officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

Barling, Annabelle "Abbie" (Clower), 64, of Fort Meyers Beach, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1993. Services were held Friday, Aug. 27, at Harvey Engelhardt Funeral Home, Fort Meyers Beach, with the Rev. Don Jalvert officiating. There were no local arrangements.

Glen, Maxine L. (Walker), 61, of St. Charles, Mo., formerly of Madison, died at 10:55 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 1993, at Christian Northeast Hospital, St. Louis County. Visitation was Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services are at 1 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Jeffrey Davis officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials are requested for the Temple Baptist Church, Madison.

Findley, William P., 63, of Venice, died at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1993, at his residence. Graveside services were held Saturday at Bloomfield Cemetery, Bloomfield, Mo., with the Rev. Danny Marshall officiating. There was no visitation. Arrangements

were by Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach.

Hanney, "Pete," 64, of Granite City, died at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 1993, at St. Mary's Health Center, Richmond Heights, Mo. Services were held Tuesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, with the Rev. David Field officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials are requested for the American Lung Association.

Rice, Harold, 80, a pioneer labor leader in this region, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1993, in Mesa, Ariz. Funeral arrangements were made at Gaskins Funeral Home in Harrisburg.

Simpson, Arvena, 53, of Edwardsville, died Friday, Aug. 27, 1993, at her home. Services were held Monday at Werner Chapel, with the Rev. Robert De Grand officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials are requested to the family.

Taylor, William E., 66, of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 1993, in Englewood. Cremation took place at National Cremation Society, Port Charlotte, Fla. There were no local arrangements.

Thouvenot, Leon C., 45, of Granite City, died at 9:05 p.m. Friday, August 27, 1993, at St. Louis University Hospital. Services were held Monday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville. Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

Whitts, James W. Sr., 69, of Granite City, formerly of Washington, Ill., and Peoria, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 1993, at his home. Services were held Tuesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, with the Rev. Albert Lee Crowe Jr. and Rev. Robert H. Salzgiger officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials are requested for the Hospice of Madison County.

Young, Edith (Ashton), 88, of Granite City, formerly of Parag, died at 6:49 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, with the Rev. Leslie Johnson officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

•Fee

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es one way or another and that at a public hearing earlier this year on ways to raise revenue the people attending made it clear they would rather pay a fee than a tax.

County Board Member Don Garrett said Grzywacz was representing what the people said at the public hearing and said what he heard was that the city needed to cut out all its waste before it asked the people for more money.

"I think this fee is a slap in the face to the 200 people who were at the hearing," Don Garrett said.

Renee Garrett, a landlord in the trash collection fee and said it should have been placed on the

bag. "If you think it's such a good idea, why don't you put it to the people and let them vote on it?" she said. "It's because I know that, and you're afraid that the people who need to go to the city to tell you people just did it without telling anyone."

If this is the way you feel, we can't agree with the fee, shut down the city's garbage department and let everyone in the city take care of their own trash (private trash collectors) Laidlaw, Waste Management or whoever else Grzywacz told Renee Garrett.

Mayor John Belloff said that the trash fee was established after several public meetings and much open discussion. He said he didn't like the idea of charging for collection any more than anyone else, but because of the city's financial trouble he had to do it.

"We have to do this if we're going to stay afloat," he said. "I'm not going to let the city go down. But we can't pay them with coupons. Now we've seen a

way to get them back at work." Renee Garrett replied: "So now maybe you expect us to pay for the city's garbage?"

Belloff said the aldermen, each of whom must face the voters every day, approved the fee by a 7-4 vote and reaffirmed it Tuesday by a 5-3 vote. He said the first billing for the fee will not be until January and the city is continuing to look for ways to earn or save enough money to pay the fee, to lower, or even rescind, the fee.

"I would hope that God will smile on us and we can find our way to be able to do away with the fee," he said.

Alderman Eleanor Armour said the fee was established because the city was in a position

of being only a month or two away from not being able to pay its bills.

Don Garrett said that if the city really wanted to save money it should forget about all of its annexations. He said that the city's annexations are costing the city money. He said providing for the city's garbage by the Gateway Truck Stop, Gateway International Speedway race track and Stages nightclub costs money and takes the police officers away from the city proper where they are needed.

"I think our police need to quit wasting their time chasing the prostitutes at the former 'Skellies' (truck stop) and get back up here in the city where we have real problems," Garrett said.

•City

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or administrator form of government, and redefining the mayor's position accordingly; reducing the size of the City Council and electing aldermen "at large," making the clerk, treasurer and street superintendent appointed rather than elected; reorganizing the current clerk and treasurer staff to the comptroller's department; and developing a plan to solve the township form of government.

The city should also create a human resource management position, according to the report.

"While there are likely to be temptations to place blame for the city's current dilemma, the city is urged to resist these temptations and seize the opportunity for fundamental change, and do so without hesitation," the report states.

It recommends involving civic leaders, including a citizens oversight board, in the planning and implementation of changes.

"Granite City has the wisdom and courage to choose the right path. While this path entails abandonment of obsolete practices, it will ensure a promising future for Granite City. By identifying common values and hopes, civic leaders can build a consensus for change. By investing carefully in employees, new technology, service innovations and infrastructure, the city can build a firm foundation for future residents of Granite City."

•Charge

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pulled" her to his apartment, picked her up and carried her inside, the report states.

After the woman drank a glass of water in the kitchen, DuBoise locked the door of his apartment and secured the door with a large knife, the woman said.

He then took her into a bedroom, pulled her onto a bed, and tried to remove her shorts, she told police.

The woman struggled with DuBoise, who bit her on the neck when he was unable to remove her clothes, the report states.

DuBoise then told the woman he had a problem controlling his sexual urges, unlocked the door and allowed the woman to leave, she told police.

She did not report the incident until DuBoise was discovered near her home the next night.

Divorces

The following marriages were recently dissolved in the Madison County Third Circuit Court:

Earl J. McCarr Jr., 43, of Troy and Brenda J. (Johnson) McCarr, 41, of Granite City; they were married April 21, 1978.

Shan A. Hatt, 23, of Antioch, Tenn., and Kimberly L. (Richards) Hatt, 25, of Granite City; married Nov. 26, 1990.

Timothy R. Hayes, 30, of Granite City, and Betty L. (Knight) Hayes, 29, of Madison; married May 15, 1984.

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•Finances —

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Donohoo said the projection "clearly demonstrates" the need for the city to both cut costs and increase revenues. The projection includes a list of potential revenue sources — all involving property tax increases — available to the city that Donohoo said could serve as "a starting point for discussion of developing the needed strategy for improving revenues."

"So are you saying we need to increase taxes?" Grzywacz asked.

The question brought an angry response from the crowd and Donohoo said his responsibility was only to let the city know what financial difficulties it faces and what means were available to the city to raise money.

"It's up to you to decide what, if anything, you are going to do," Donohoo said.

"I knew that, but I wanted to give you a chance to see how it feels to tell people we need to raise taxes," Grzywacz said.

Donohoo stressed that the projections are only projections and that the actual figures are likely to be significantly different.

"This is my estimate based on the city's financial operation over the past four years and the assumptions that are listed in the report," Donohoo said. "A lot of things can happen and a lot of things will happen."

Trivia

In 1992, the total value of food stamps issued to 25,034 recipients in Madison County was \$1.87 million.

Accident with gun fatal to 2-year-old

By Martin Richter
and Nicole Vaughn
Staff writers

A 12-year-old boy from State Park died Tuesday after he was accidentally shot by his 15-year-old brother, authorities said.

Cory Daniel Bowen died at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City at 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, about an hour after the shooting, Madison County Coroner Dallas Burke said.

The boys, formerly of Granite City, were at the home of their father, Dennis Bowen, in the 3300 block of Arlington, when the accident occurred.

Chief Deputy Bud Galloway of the Madison County Sheriff's Department said the gun involved apparently belongs to an acquaintance of the father.

Both boys had just returned from school, Galloway said. Cory had attended his first day at North Junior High School that morning.

The Madison County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the case and decided Tuesday night that no charges would be issued, Galloway said.

Cory's uncle, Chris McDonald of O'Fallon, said what happened "Apparently (Cory's) brother had the gun sitting in his lap, and Cory was on the couch, and when it was lying on his lap it went off," McDonald said.

Galloway said the 15-year-old called 911 after the shooting. McDonald said the older boy helped his father make funeral arrangements for Cory on Wednesday.

"My dad had a heart attack and he seemed to be doing OK," McDonald said of the 15-year-old. "He was pretty much in a state of shock and everything. What can you say?"

Cory's mother, Rea Bowen, is undergoing cancer treatment at St. Louis University Hospital, McDonald said. The boys had been staying with their father while Rea Bowen was in the hospital. The boys' parents are divorced.

McDonald said Cory was a typical boy. "He liked to hunt and fish and play ball," he said. "He liked to collect baseball cards. He was just like any other 12-year-old, I guess."

Burke, who also referred to the shooting as an apparent accident, said a routine investigation into the death was continuing Wednesday and that a criminal inquiry is pending later this month, based on the return of toxicological test results.

Visitation for Cory was to be after 4 p.m. today, Thursday, at Herbert A. Kasky Funeral Home, 515 Vandalia, Collinsville, where services are at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Earl Weller officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery, Collinsville.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.



Most Worshiped Brother E. Gene Ross, left, with scholarship winners Dottie Falter, Robin Wilson and Misty Black.

Triple Lodge awards 5 scholarships

On June 16 Triple Lodge 835 AF & AM awarded five scholarships of \$500 each.

The recipients were Dottie Falter, Robin Wilson, Misty Black, Keri Smith and Kevin Bronsman.

The awards were given out at the meeting before the lodge official work. Most Worshiped Brother E. Gene Ross passed out the awards. After the presentations were made, the students were excused.

The scholarship fund was placed in the name of Most Worshiped Brother Ross for his outstanding service to masonry. The scholarship fund is supported by donations from the members, friends and anyone wishing to donate to this fund.

If you wish to make donations to the fund, send it to: E. Gene Ross Scholarship Fund, c/o Triple Lodge 835, 1940 Cleveland Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Wins line dancing competition

Jacklyn Bukovac, daughter of Jack and Linda Bukovac of Granite City, "broke the bank" by winning the line dance contest at Silvermoon Dance Hall in Collinsville on June 27.

After being taught by Joyce Warren every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday during the month of June, with prize giveaways at each lesson, Bukovac won the contest.

The "Break-In the Bank" competition was a club preliminary for the national contest sponsored by BNA Records and Hot Country Dancing.

The video of Jackie's winning performance was sent to Nashville, with the club regional winner to be decided by Melanie Greenwood.



Jacklyn Bukovac

Eagles Auxiliary aids Salvation Army

Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 met at the Eagles Home for a pot luck meal and business session. President Barbara Modrusic introduced Nickie Smith from the Salvation Army; she thanked the ladies for their support of the Salvation Army and for the cleaning supplies donated by Auxiliary members.

Smith also asked for help in raising money for flood victims. Jenny Greider, conductor, attended the flag and placed a Bible and the emblem of the home at the altar.

It was noted that pro tems for this meeting were Angie Buehler for trustee and Florence Hagnauer for treasurer. Secretary Vincene Zerlian read a report.

Plans were made to initiate two members. Joanna Spencer, past president, reported on the national convention held in Atlanta Aug. 1-4. Ruth Jorgenson also attended the convention and gave a summary of her report.

Connie Mott reported that tickets will be on sale for a national dinner to be held Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagles Home.

Evelene Ederle reported she sent cards to Norma Hemken and Pat Klutz. Modrusic presented Jorgenson with a gift from the Auxiliary recognizing her as a state officer. Jorgenson will attend an Auxiliary conference in Effingham.

The Eagles requested assistance from the Auxiliary with Special Olympics.

At an earlier meeting, Vera Johnson served as chaplain pro tem and Flo Stokes discussed membership goals.

A central regional Illinois-Indiana conference will be held in Granite City, Sept. 24-26. Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary representatives will attend. Kenneth and Joanna Spencer and Gene Reinhardt are local chairmen of arrangements.

Kathleen Benda led a discussion on a spaghetti dinner to be held Nov. 6 from noon to 6 p.m. The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 10 years of age.

On Oct. 7, Connie Mott will be in charge of a National Supermarket dinner. On Oct. 6, a card party will be held by the Auxiliary, with the money raised used for the escort team.

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Lori A. Six and Steven Schneider

Six-Schneider

Lori A. Six, daughter of Leo J. Six and Velda Tyler, both of Granite City, and Steven S. Schneider, son of June Schneider of Granite City and the late Stanley Schneider, have announced their engagement.

Six is employed by A.G. Edwards & Sons, St. Louis, as an assistant supervisor. Schneider is employed by National Supermarkets, St. Louis.

The couple is planning a Sept. 18, 1993, wedding at Concordia Lutheran Church, Granite City.

Births

Kimbra Miller

Kimberly Merz and Timothy Miller, both of Granite City, have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter, Kimbra Lee. She was born Aug. 2, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, and weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Myron and Joyce Merz of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Genie Miller of Madison.

Kimbra joins brother, Zakery, 1.

Kayla Bierschwal

Bradley Bierschwal and Amy Eckmann of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a girl, born at 2:29 p.m. July 13, 1993, at Deaconess Hospital.

The baby has been named Kayla Lynn Bierschwal. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are John and Linda Eckmann of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Sharon Hall of Granite City.

Latavia Johnson

Carla Y. Silas of Madison and Lamonte O. Johnson of Marine have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, Latavia Monique.

She was born July 17, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, and weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.



Rowena Guinita and Dennis Lakin

Guinita-Lakin

Rowena Guinita, daughter of Kitty and Restituto Guinita of Cebu City, Philippines, and Dennis Lakin, son of Dorothy Lakin of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Guinita manages a family owned business that produces and distributes bracelets and earrings made out of rattan, a native vine found in the Philippines.

Dennis, a 1978 graduate of Granite City North High School, is the owner of a video production and distribution company.

The couple is planning a September wedding at the Iglesia Cristo Chapel in Cebu City.

St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, and weighed 4 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Willie B. Silas of Madison.

Paternal grandparents are Lenell and Sharon O. Johnson of Marine.

Lucas Bennett

Mike and Julie Bennett of O'Fallon are announcing the birth of a son, Lucas James, born July 1, 1993, at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis.

The baby weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

The mother is the former Julie Jackson.

Paternal grandparents are Charles James Bennett and Norma J. Bennett of Granite City.

Maternal grandparents are Thomas James Jackson of Sun Rise, Fla., and Judy Baker of O'Fallon.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ellis Miller of O'Fallon and Dorothy Jackson of Kansas City, Kan.

The couple have two other sons, Zachary Michael, 3, and Benjamin Charles Ellis, 20 months.

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Vernon and Ann Vasquez of Granite City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 14, at a surprise party given by their children at the Granite City VFW.

They were married Aug. 20, 1943, in Alameda, Calif. They are the parents of 10: Bob Vasquez, Evelyn Harris, Kathy Weissborn, Bev Wilson and Theresa Thomas, all of Granite City, Sharon Seifert of Rockledge, Fla., Doris Bloomfield of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Carol Gerstner of O'Fallon, Mo., Pam Jaycox of Alger, Ohio, and the late Mary Frances, who died in 1983.

There are 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Cocktails and dinner were served, followed by an evening of music and dancing.

SIUE Choral Society seeks members

The Community Choral Society of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has begun rehearsals for the first half of its season, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 1023 of the SIUE Communications Building.

According to SIUE music Professor Leonard Van Camp, who directs the choral group, anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join the society. Efforts during the first half of the society's season will be directed at rehearsing for its annual Christmas concert, which will be held this year on Dec. 5.

Dues are \$15 annually, or for any portion of the season. Van Camp said. Married couples pay \$25 annually, he said. In addition, members must purchase their own music (\$7.35 for the fall semester) and provide their own costumes for concerts.

Women will need a white blouse with three-quarter to full-length sleeves and a black skirt; men will need a black tuxedo or black suit, with a white shirt and bow tie.

The Choral Society will also sing April 29 and 30 in performance of the "St. Matthew Passion" by J.S. Bach.

For more information, call the SIUE department of music at 692-3900, or Van Camp at 692-2024, or from St. Louis toll-free (314) 621-5168, extension 2024.

Girl Scouts are assisting flood victims

In keeping with the Girl Scouts Law, "...to help where I am needed," the River Bluffs Girl Scout Council is working with the Alton Red Cross, Alton Salvation Army and Belleville Salvation Army on "Help in a Bucket," a council-wide project assisting area flood victims.

Each troop will be donating a bucket, filled with cleaning supplies, to be given to area families that have been affected by the flood. The collected items will be distributed to the Alton Red Cross, Alton Salvation Army and Belleville Salvation Army, and then delivered.

Frankie Federle, volunteer chairman, said, "The girls are really excited about helping the communities recover from this catastrophe."

The River Bluffs Girl Scout Council is composed of more than 10,000 girls in 5 1/2 counties.

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Military

Anthony Tinsley

Staff Sergeant Anthony A. Tinsley, U.S. Army warrant officer-recruiter for the Army Recruiting Station located at 3675 Nameoki Road in Granite City, has earned the Army's Recruiter Ring, the highest honor an Army recruiter can achieve, in ceremonies here Aug. 9. The ring was presented by Lucien B. Johnson, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army, Illinois, south.

The ring is presented only to outstanding Army recruiters who have received the highest, Gold Badge Award for excellence in recruiting. As the top award for an Army recruiter, the ring requires years of training, hard work, consistent over achievement of established goals, and a desire to excel. Less than 10,000 recruiters in the U.S. Army Recruiting Command have earned this award since its inception in 1978.

In 1978, 12 recruiters received the Recruiter Ring. The number of recipients has risen steadily; in 1988, 418 Army recruiters earned the right to wear the ring.

Originally from Ashland, Ill., Staff Sgt. Tinsley is a 1983 graduate of Ashland High School, and has been in the Army since 1983. Tinsley, his wife, Tammy, and their two children reside at the Granite City Army Depot.

In addition to the Recruiter Ring, Tinsley holds the Primary Leadership Development Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Young people who can meet the Army's physical and aptitude standards may call Tinsley at



Anthony Tinsley

876-5350 to learn more about Army opportunities. He has information on the Army's Delayed Entry Program, in which a recruit can take up to 365 days before beginning active duty; the Army College Fund, in which an enlistee can accumulate as much as \$50,000 towards future college expenses; and the GI Bill.

Harvey C. Grafton
Airman Harvey C. Grafton has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Grafton is the son of Mary E. Grafton of 303 Fillmore Ave., Venice, and Donald R. Grafton of 613 1/2 Fifth St., Springfield, Ill. He is a 1992 graduate of Lanphier High School, Springfield

Robert Gaddy

Army Private Robert A. Gaddy has arrived for duty at Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska.

The soldier, a personnel information system management specialist, is the son of William D. and Felicia A. Gaddy of Granite City. He is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School.

Eric Pomeroy

Airman Eric Douglas Pomeroy of the U.S. Navy recently received a letter of commendation from U.S. Navy Captain W.W. Copeland for his actions during a fire on the USS America on May 22.

Pomeroy, a member of the ship's flight deck crew, played a major role in controlling a fire on the ship, caused by an FA-18 airplane that burst into flames shortly after landing on the carrier.

The fire engulfed the aft portion of the aircraft, and fuel that poured onto the flight deck instantly ignited and quickly spread.

Pomeroy immediately rushed to the nearest firefighting hose and, joining one of several teams of flight deck personnel, aggressively fought the spreading fuel fire.

"Through discipline, teamwork and unselfish bravery, Airman Pomeroy played a major role in quickly bringing this dangerous fire under control."

"Airman Pomeroy's exceptional performance under stress reflected great credit upon himself and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service," the letter states.

Pomeroy is the son of Police Capt. Kip Pomeroy and Jeneal Colligan, both of Granite City.

Kevin Case

Air Force Master Sergeant Kevin W. Case has arrived for duty at

Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, N.M.

Case, a tactical aircraft maintenance technician, is the son of Harold E. and Betty L. Case of Granite City.

His wife, Teresa, is the daughter of Kenneth and Lorraine Kirkland of Mountain Home, Idaho.

The sergeant graduated from Granite City High School in 1976 and received an associate degree in 1992 from Community College of the Air Force.

Brent Baker

Marine Private Brent L. Baker, son of Brenda S. and Ernest L.

Baker Sr. of Granite City, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

He is a 1993 graduate of Granite City High School.

Douglas Stevenson

Private First Class Douglas W. Stevenson has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal which is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other outstanding accomplishments.

The soldier, a material storage and handling specialist at Fort Bragg, N.C., is the son of Douglas W. and Marilyn K. Stevenson of Bardonia, Ky.

His wife, Kimberly, is the daughter of Jeffery Smith of Granite City.

He is a 1984 graduate of Odin Public School, Odin, Ill.



THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

Recently a woman contacted this office and indicated that she was divorced in 1991 and that she was having problems with her ex-husband. According to her, the divorce decree (judgment of dissolution) provided that she was to pay certain bills and that he was to pay others. However, he was refusing to pay certain creditors as ordered by the court. The problem she was facing was that these creditors were now pursuing her with regard to collection on the outstanding accounts.

In another recent case, a woman was awarded the home in the divorce decree and the ex-husband was ordered to make the house payments. Approximately one year after the divorce, the husband stopped making the house payments, and the lender began foreclosure proceedings. The question arose in these two cases as to what remedy the ex-spouse has when the terms of the divorce decree are not followed by the former spouse.

It is important to note that a divorce decree is not binding upon creditors. This means that if a bill was incurred by a husband and wife and the bill is subsequently not paid, the creditor can pursue either party. This is true even if the judgment of dissolution orders one of the parties to pay the bill. Since the creditor is not a party in the divorce proceedings, the creditor is not bound by the terms of the divorce, and therefore the creditor can pursue either spouse when the account is delinquent. The only remedy the former husband or wife has in a case like this is to bring the ex-spouse back to court in an attempt to have the ex-spouse held in contempt for not paying the bill.

What all of this means is that a term in the judgment of dissolution ordering one spouse to pay is only as good as the spouse's ability to pay. If the former husband or wife falls on hard times, the other party may wind up having to pay the bill even though that party thought he or she was relieved of this obligation under the terms of the divorce.

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Rules on blood change things

"It's going to be a headache — a whole new aspect of coaching that we've never seen before."

That's how new O'Fallon High athletic director Dennis Grimmer reacted to my question about the Illinois High School Association regulations related to the concern for communicable disease transmitted by blood.

REFERRED TO here previously word-for-word, the rules for all sports basically state that if a player has blood on his or her uniform or body, that player must be removed from a contest and cannot re-enter until properly attended to.

Also an assistant football coach at O'Fallon since 1973 — with two years experience previously at Benton (Mo.) — Grimmer said he has never witnessed a football game without seeing blood.

In football, players must sit out at least a down if blood is spotted. The concern is related to the AIDS virus and/or hepatitis.

A wound will have to be bandaged, and if blood appears on a uniform, the blemish will have to be cleaned with a disinfectant or the uniform changed. Tape can be used to cover blood on a uniform. But if blood should appear on a playing surface, it also will have to be cleaned.

THE IHSA HAS produced a mix that can be used as a disinfectant. But with the additional concern, Grimmer believes someone on the sidelines, at football games in particular, will have to devote full attention to the blood issue.

"I don't think it can be a student manager," said Grimmer.

My thought is since most high school teams have a physician available for football games, that sport will not face as many problems. Yet, coaches will have to have extra uniforms available and be prepared for replacements due to the appearance of blood.

Grimmer and the O'Fallon football staff are incorporating conditions which they believe may eliminate about 60 percent of what he terms "incidental" blood matters.

"ALL OF OUR linemen will have to purchase gloves," said Grimmer. "I've told them I don't care if they get their mother's garden gloves, they will have to wear them."

Gloves will reduce the amount of cut fingers and hands.

"Their knuckles were where most of the cuts occurred," said Grimmer.

My guess is that in time, the football folks will adjust to the procedures. But game delays are sure to follow. It will be interesting to see how often game officials have to make a decision to determine if a player can or cannot return to play.

OVERTIME: Although there are no major rules changes for '93, two worth noting are: 1) A player's jersey may not be altered to produce a knot-like protrusion or tear-away type jersey; and 2) State associations may adopt running time after a certain point differential is reached.

The latter made me recall last season's 72-12 East St. Louis win over cross-town rival Lincoln, whose coach, Jimmy Adams, thought Flyers coach ran up the score too much.

The Flyers continued running for two-point conversions late in the game, with no love lost between the old rivals.

Quick Comanches first test for Warriors

By R.J. Gerber
Staff writer

Cahokia ruined Don Harris' debut as Granite City's head football coach last year, beating the Warriors 21-7. And with the Comanches returning all but three offensive starters from their state playoff squad of 1992, it could be a chore for Granite City to avoid opening this season with another loss.

Harris has re-tooled the Warriors' offensive backfield, as his son, Don Harris Jr., will get the starting nod at quarterback. The senior is a 5-10, 155-pounder who will make his first start against the Comanches at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Cahokia's Brian Field.

"It's been interesting watching," said Harris, who was 1-8 in his first season as the Warrior

At a glance

Who: Granite City vs. Cahokia
Where: Brian Field, Cahokia
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Last year: Granite City 1-8, Cahokia 6-4

leader. "He's real familiar with the offense and with what he wants to do. We feel really comfortable at the quarterback position."

With Harris landing the starting quarterback job, junior Pat Curry will move to the fullback position. Curry, a 6-4, 235-pounder, has Cahokia coach Rob Eden concerned.

"He was one of the kids that was really skilled for them last



Harris



Curry

year," said Eden, who is 30-35 at Cahokia. "He's just a good athlete. I figured they'd move him to a tight end or fullback position."

Joining Curry in the Warrior backfield is 5-8, 190-pound Ronnie Fisher and Chris Kull (5-10, 175). Shawn Strum (6-2, 220) will get the start at tight end.

The Granite City offensive line

includes Nathan Owen (5-10, 180), sophomore Chris Janek (5-11, 220) and Jeremy Wyatt (5-10, 175).

"We don't have a lot of size, but we feel we're a little quicker than we were last year," Harris said. "We'll go with a couple single-back formations, but we're not going to try to fool teams. We've worked pretty hard with the quarterbacks on a new system and what we're trying to do is play power football."

And while Harris is concerned with his team's lack of size, he is also trying to prepare the Warriors for Cahokia's quickness.

"We feel this is really a tough opener," Harris said. "Cahokia always causes us problems with their team speed. How we react

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Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 2
FOOTBALL: Wood River and Ruzena at Granite City, 4 p.m.
SOCCER: Granite City at Cahokia, 5:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Civic Memorial at Granite City, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 3
GIRLS TENNIS: Edwardsville at Granite City, 4 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Granite City at Highland, 6:15 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Granite City at Cahokia, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 4
CROSS COUNTRY: Granite City Invitational, 10 a.m.
SOCCER: Granite City at Vianney, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 7
GOLF: Bellefonte West at Granite City, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS: Granite City at Belleville West, 4 p.m.
SOCCER: Granite City at Granite City, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 8
CROSS COUNTRY: Granite City at Tazewell, 10 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Granite City at Edwardsville, 4:45 p.m.

Kickers rout Eagles, 9-1

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

The Warrior soccer team continued its early-season scoring binge Tuesday with a 9-1 victory at Civic Memorial. Seven different players scored for Granite City, which improved to 2-0 after last weekend's 5-0 shutout over Peoria Richwoods. The Warriors took a 2-0 lead off goals by Mark Winfield and Shawn Petroski in the first half and then exploded for seven goals over the final 40 minutes.

"We were happy," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "We're going in the right direction."

After a sluggish start, the Warriors began the scoring when Winfield took possession on the end line and moved up untouched to score against Civic Memorial goalkeeper Tony Berlingieri. Winfield's goal at 28:50 helped open up the field for Granite City's attack.

Late in the first half, Petroski made it 2-0. John Nizinski sent a pass downfield to Jamey Bridges, who settled the ball and passed to Petroski for a goal at 36:03.

It was Petroski's third goal of the year. He scored another goal in the second half to make it 4-0.

"Petroski's been putting us on the board lately," Baker said.

The Warriors began their second-half barrage with a

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Warriors gunning for Griffins

Granite City kickers anticipate showdown against Vianney

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

A winning streak dating back two years could be waiting for the Warriors on Saturday when the Granite City soccer team faces its first true test of the season at Vianney High School.

Vianney, which entered this season with a 61-game winning streak, had not lost since Sept. 12, 1991 up to Wednesday's game against Oakville. The Golden Griffins opened the season Tuesday with a 1-0 victory over DuBourg.

THE GAME AGAINST Oakville marked another threat to Vianney's long string of wins. The Warriors, who play Cahokia tonight, were hoping to be in position to break the streak.

"We really want that game badly," Granite City coach Gene Baker said earlier this week. "Not that we're looking past Cahokia, but the kids are really excited. We hope they're still undefeated."

Vianney's long winning streak is an exceptional accomplishment. The Golden Griffins went undefeated last year, a stretch that included championships at the CBC Tournament and the Granite City Tournament of Champions. Vianney capped off the run with its second straight Missouri Class 4A title.

The Golden Griffins were also ranked first in the nation by USA Today. But Vianney lost seven highly talented seniors who keyed the team's domination of the St. Louis area last year.

THE LOSS OF those players will make it tough for the Golden Griffins to match last year's success. Vianney coach Mike Villa freely admits he knew his team's streak would be in jeopardy this year.

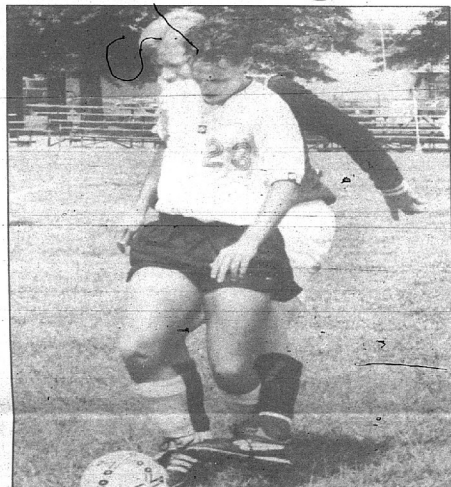
"I'm sure everybody will be looking to break it," Villa said. "We've got our work cut out for us. It'll be a challenge. I'm looking forward to playing and seeing how we do."

The players Vianney lost to graduation last year were Jerry Mercurio, Cliff Polite, Jeff Venzler, Brad Snyder, Mark Tracy, Kevin Schoen and Steve Wulko. Each player except Schoen reached double figures in scoring.

"I was considered scoring threats, and the only player the Golden Griffins have this year that fits that description is senior Tony Williams. He had eight goals last season, and he scored Vianney's only goal against DuBourg."

He's one of their key players," Baker said. "He's one of the best players on the other

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Granite City's Jim Martinez fights his way through traffic during Saturday's game against Peoria Richwoods.

Granite City's Witter, Kult reunited at SIUE

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

As a highly touted freshman soccer player last year at SIUE, Granite City product Amanda Witter made it tough for coach Brian Korbesmeyer to keep her out of the starting lineup.

ANOTHER FORMER player for the Lady Warriors, Stephanie Kult, is about to do the same. Kult will be the starter in goal and Witter will be at sweeper when the Cougars play host to St. Joseph's College of Rensselaer, Ind., in the season opener for both teams Saturday.

Kult, who helped lead the Lady Warriors to state tournament play twice during her career, will join Witter as two of SIUE's top players this season. Both were on the 1991 Granite City team that finished fourth at state.

Korbesmeyer looks forward to seeing Witter and Kult on the same field again.

"When you recruit a girl out of Granite City, you know what you're getting," Korbesmeyer said. "Anybody you get from (Granite City coach) Gene Baker knows what it takes to win."

Saturday's season contest at SIUE will have some added local flavor. One of St. Joseph's top recruits is Michelle Knox, a



Kult



Knox

freshman who played for the Lady Warriors earlier this year along with Kult.

ALL THREE PLAYED on successful teams throughout high school, and it took little time for Witter to make the transition to the NCAA Division II level last year.

Versatility helped Witter earn a spot in SIUE's backfield. She started most of the season, finished with an assist and was named to the South Central All-Region second team.

"That bodes well for the future," Korbesmeyer said. "It's nice to get that kind of recognition early on in her career. She earned her way into the starting lineup in a very short period of time and played one of the most important positions on the field for us. She's a very versatile player."

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Amanda Witter was an All-State performer during her days with GCHS.

Cougars to rely on speed, youth

By Tim Carley
Correspondent

The theme to this year's version of the SIUE women's soccer team resembles "The Young and the Restless."

The Cougars welcome a freshman to the fold, while coach Brian Korbesmeyer is restless to get to postseason play after coming close in the last three seasons.

THE COUGARS LOST five starters from last year's team that went 9-1, but Korbesmeyer hopes his recruits can blend in with the returning players.

"If they're able to adapt to the rigors and toughness of college soccer, we can be as good as we were the previous three years," said Korbesmeyer.

Headlining the recruiting class is Stephanie Kult, a goalkeeper from Granite City High. Kult will replace last year's starter, Angie Viviano. Korbesmeyer said Kult has vast potential.

"I see her with limitless

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Trivial matters

1. The Illinois High School Association football playoffs began in 1974. What school was the first from the metro east to win a state title?

2. The playoffs started out with five classes and expanded to six in 1980. How many seasons has the metro east had state football champions in more than one class?

Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

Tournaments scheduled at Legacy
The Ladies Classic, a four-women scramble, will be held Sept. 12 at the Legacy Golf Club.

The cost of \$160 per team includes 18 holes of golf, cart, beverages, dinner and prizes. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

The OATH Golf Classic, a four-person scramble to benefit the developmentally disabled, will be held 8 a.m. Oct. 15 at the Legacy.

A donation of \$75 per person covers 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverages and prizes.

Coming up

Heading into battle
Granite City junior Pat Curry (left) and the Warriors kick off the season Friday at Cahokia.

Trivia answers
1. Mascoutah (3A) and East St. Louis (5A) won in 1979.
2. Other than '79, it happened only in 1988, when Althoff (3A) and East St. Louis (6A) won.

Comanches

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to their quickness is a key. "It's hard to prepare against that. We just have to wait and see. We're a little bit smaller than in the past, too. Chahokia can score from anywhere on the field, so we just want to play some ball control."

The Comanches have plenty of firepower offensively, even with the loss of running back Donald Whitney. Chris Kirk (6-2, 180) returns at quarterback after throwing for more than 1,000 yards as a junior and Terek Driver (6-0, 170) joins Brian Ervin (6-1, 170) and Paul Davis (6-0, 165) in one of the quickest backfields in the area.

Showing the way for the speedy backs is an experienced offensive line that lost only two players to graduation. Josh Pohl (6-0, 175) is at center. Tom Belcher (5-10, 165) and James Gilmer (5-8, 180) are at the guard slots and Rob Hearty (6-0, 190) and junior Marvin Thomas (6-1, 240) are at tackle.

Dewey Houston (6-5, 210) and Martez Lewis (6-0, 160) are the ends. Gilmer and Thomas are first-year starters on the line. With that kind of experience, there is less concern for Eden as he enters his eighth season at Chahokia.

"Last year, there were a lot of question marks," said Eden, who is 3-4 against Granite City.

Elks' return to field earns second-place finish

The Granite City Elks '83 girls soccer team made a unique comeback on its way to placing second at last weekend's Elks Labor Day Tournament.

After losing to the Chicago-based NSA Hawks 3-1 Sunday morning, the under-11 Elks were sent home by coach Greg Puscsek. Little did the team know it would be in for two more games that day.

When Puscsek found out the Elks had earned a wild card in their bracket, he had to bring the team back for the semifinals against the Hawks. The same team that had apparently eliminated the Elks that morning.

"Luckily, I got my team back in time," Puscsek said. "I had already sent them home. We were all in shock, because we thought we were done."

The Elks then took the field and defeated the Hawks, 2-0, behind goals by Erika Todd and Jo Harris.

"It was very exciting, because we didn't even expect it," Puscsek said. "The girls were determined to do well after they came back."

The Elks went on to lose to Busch, a team from St. Louis, 2-1 in the final. The Elks took a 1-0 lead on Lauren Puscsek's goal and were hoping to outlast Busch for a shutout.

But Busch scored with four minutes left in regulation and then scored another goal with eight seconds remaining in overtime to win.

as the Comanche leader. "The opener wasn't one of our better ballgames, but my expectations are higher this year and I hope I'm not disappointed."

During last Saturday's scrimmage, Eden said, he was impressed with the offense. "The execution of the offense was there," Eden said. "This offense is as ready for a first game as I've had since I've been here. If you win the first game, it's a good momentum starter. If you lose one, you're still six games away from your goal."

Eden said it's hard to tell what to expect from a large school like Granite City. "They use an eight-man (defensive) line a lot of times and they played us wide and deep a lot last year," Eden said. "We ran several traps up the middle last year and that worked pretty well."

"But any time you have more speed, you have an advantage. Don is a very good coach and Granite City is a team that has a good ballclub every four years or so."

Chahokia forced six Warrior turnovers last season on its way to the 14-point victory. Granite City turned the ball over three times in four snaps in the second half.

The Warriors managed only four first downs and gained 137 total yards, compared to the Comanches' 252.

Warriors

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penalty kick goal from Winfield at 54:25. The kick was awarded when Jim Martinez was taken down hard off the ball in the box by Berlinger.

After Petroski's goal at 55:50, Jared Haffery found the upper left corner with a 20-yard bomb to make it 5-0 at 62:52. Sonny Arayan followed with a goal at 72:27. Eric Simpson scored at 72:50 and Craig Harrison converted a breakaway at 74:26.

Granite City had an 8-0 lead and was headed for another shutout when Civic Memorial broke through with a header goal by Adam Jones at 77:28. The goal came after the Eagles were awarded a penalty kick, which was thwarted by goalkeeper Don Murphy. Jones scored on a play that began with a corner kick.

"We didn't want to give it up, but we had a little breakdown on coverage," Baker said.

The Warriors closed out the scoring with an unassisted goal by Tom Breeden at 79:27.

Granite City had little trouble with Civic Memorial, outshooting the hosts 55-2. The Warriors earned five corner kicks to two for the Eagles.

Two players, Paulie Bucherich and Sean Lakatos, missed the game with injuries. They are expected to return in time for Saturday's game at Vianney.



Torrid Pace — The Pace Hardware Falcons went undefeated in the Midget I Red Division, went on to win the playoffs and finished with an overall record of 8-5. Pictured, front row from left: Chris Keifer, Blake Smith, Sean Foote, Bruce Pegram, Ben Lofink, Al Pace. Top row: Dennis Norvaez, Ken Cuvar, Mike Simpson, coach Chris Smith, Josh Miller, Steve Ward, Brian Bange, Nathan Bain.

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side of the river, for sure." Williams, however, played at midfield last year. The team's other top returning starters are stopper Brad Hansmann and fullback Brian Boyle.

"They all played a defensive role," Villa said. "We didn't get a lot of goals out of those players, so it will be interesting to see how they do."

One key player for the Golden Griffins do have back is their highly regarded goalkeeper, Casey Kipfel. Kipfel gave up just 20 goals in 35 games last year.

"Going into the season, he has to be considered the top goalkeeper in the St. Louis area," Baker said. "He'll keep them in a lot of games. He'll probably be tough for us, but we're hoping to finesse him."

Cougars

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potential, and I think she can keep her high level of play she showed in high school," Korbmesmer said.

Kult's backup is freshman Mandy Miencke of St. Charles, Mo.

AFTER KULT, THE common bond among Korbmesmer's new recruits is speed. He said midfielders Joan Wacker (Florissant, Mo.) and Sheri Kunz (St. Louis) add much needed speed to the lineup, as do forwards Stacy Bunder (St. Louis) and Kelly Zurmuehlen (Florissant).

"Speed is a necessity, because you can't teach it," Korbmesmer said. "You can work on techniques, tactics and fitness, but you can't teach speed."

Korbmesmer returns several players from last season including Amy Bickford and Becky Thompson of Collinsville. Bickford is a midfielder. Thompson plays forward.

Other returning players are senior Candy Dodson (fullback) and sophomore Cathy Gibbons (midfielder). Nicole Weiler (fullback), Lori Wieso (forward), Amanda Witter (fullback), Vicki Zimmerman (forward), Jenny Bucher (fullback, midfielder) and Shannon Murphy (forward).

SIUE'S SEASON begins Saturday at noon against visiting St. Joseph's College. The Cougars play host to Marquette on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

"The first part of our schedule, we play a lot of Division I schools and Barry (University in Florida)," said Korbmesmer. "We start playing the teams we need to beat in our (Division II) region about halfway through October, so we'll know then how good we're going to be heading into our regional competition."

"The Midwest and West have been rated the top two regions in the country. We have four of the top 20 teams in our region."

"They always play very good defense. It's always tough to score on them, even when you have a team like we did last year."

—Mike Villa
Vianney coach

Last year, the Warriors lost to Vianney 2-0 in a tightly contested game that remained scoreless until Snyder scored midway through the third quarter. Tracy added Vianney's second goal in the final minute of play.

Vianney went on to finish with a 33-2 record. With Tuesday's win, the Golden Griffins upped their undefeated streak to 59-0-3. Despite Vianney's player losses, Baker expects another fierce battle.

"Last year's team was one of their best," Baker said. "Villa feels it's the best he's had. But

they have such a program. They usually just reload."

"We've done well with Vianney before. Last year's game was a great game. (But) it's always tough to win there."

Villa had the same to say about the Warriors. He looks for a defensive battle this weekend.

"They always play very good defense. It's always tough to score on them, even when you have a team like we did last year."

After shutting out Peoria Richwoods in the season opener Saturday, the Warriors gave up a late goal to Civic Memorial on Tuesday. Baker said the game against Vianney should give him a good indication of his team's ability, even if the Golden Griffins' streak is over by then.

"Either way, it's going to be a great game for us to improve upon," Baker said. "We're hoping to slow them down. We'll give it our best."



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Warrior senior Mark Winfield scored two goals in Tuesday's 9-1 win over Civic Memorial.

SIUE

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Korbmesmer said he was thrilled with Witter's decision to attend SIUE, considering her credentials as a senior in high school.

"She came in as one of the top players in the state, and she showed why," Korbmesmer said. "I was fortunate to get her. I'm surprised some Division I schools passed her up."

Witter will return to the backfield this season and help anchor the Cougars' defense.

SIUE has a young team this year, and Witter is one of the few veterans. The Cougars have just two seniors.

"I wouldn't hesitate to move her if we got in a bind," Korbmesmer said. "She's pretty adept at moving the ball out with both feet. She's physical, and she can play at a high level. She's gotten smarter and tougher."

Witter's presence will undoubtedly help Kult, who edged out Mandy Miencke of St. Charles, Mo., for the spot in goal.

Like Witter, Kult was an all-State candidate who closed out her high school career with a trip to state. As a senior, Kult's role on the field involved more responsibilities when play came into Granite City's end and she left the goal to direct traffic.

Kult was one of the team's most vocal leaders.

"She's the kind of girl who goes herself into becoming a better player," Korbmesmer said. "She's a tremendously focused young lady. As good as she is now, she'll only get better and smarter once she refines her technique. Right now, she's a little timid. But you can tell before she leaves, she's going to be the leader."

"At each practice, she gets a little more vocal. I feel with Ste-

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September	
4 St. Joseph's	12 p.m.
8 Marquette	4 p.m.
11 Wis.-Milwaukee at Romeville, Ill.	2 p.m.
12 at Lewis University	10 a.m.
18 Quincy at Kirksville, Mo.	1 p.m.
19 at Northeast Missouri State	3 p.m.
22 at Missouri-Kolla	5:30 p.m.
26 Barry University	11 a.m.
October	
2-3 Air Force Academy Classic	TBA
10 Indiana	1:30 p.m.
13 at Washington University	7 p.m.
16 at McKendree	1 p.m.
17 Kentucky Wesleyan	1 p.m.
22 at UMKC	1 p.m.
23 Louisville	1 p.m.
24 Bellarmine at UMKC	2 p.m.
27 Drury at Springfield, Mo.	7 p.m.
31 at Vanderbilt	12 p.m.

phanis. I can help her with her technique and she accepts it very easily. She never complains and she works hard."

Kult will face a tough challenge this season with SIUE, a young team with a strong schedule ahead. The Cougars lost several top players from last year's 9-5-1 team that finished with a No. 12 national ranking.

Kult, Witter and the rest of the Cougars will be tested throughout the season. SIUE will play three Division I teams this year: Marquette, Indiana and Vanderbilt.

SIUE's second home game is against Marquette next Wednesday. The Cougars also have four tournaments on their schedule. Korbmesmer, in his fifth year, is looking forward to seeing how the Cougars hold up.

"We're going to see what kind of coach I am," Korbmesmer said. "We have a lot of young players, and they will do well for us if we can mature and gain experience quickly. I'm excited about our team speed and enthusiasm. I'm just hoping our lack of experience doesn't dampen those qualities."

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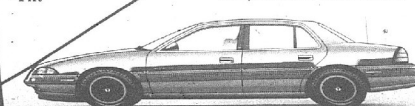
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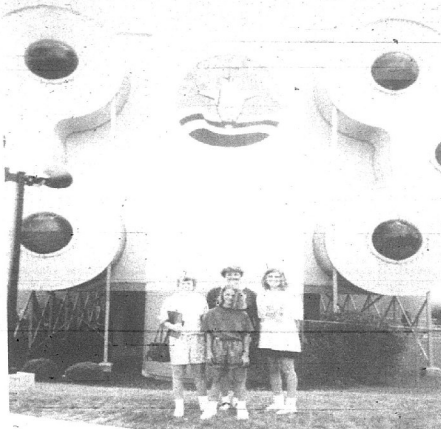
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At left, at Habitat I are, back, from left, Nancy Bishop, Jane Isenburt, Katrina Benson; foreground, Katie Yates. At right, Bishop gets ready to undergo Multi-Axis Simulation to experience space craft movements.



Teacher EVA Jane Isenburt during Discovery Mission simulation. The group was building a tetrahedron in space.

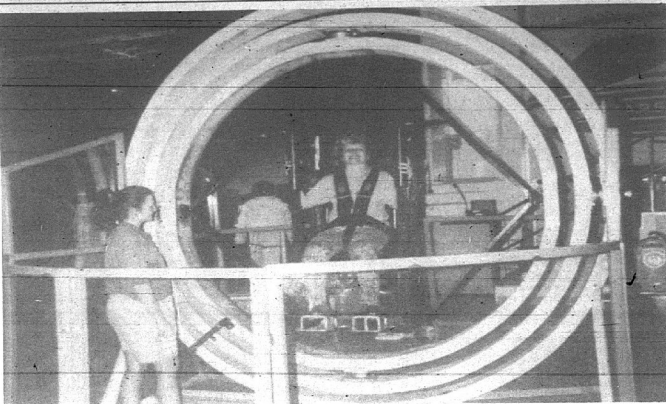
Educators, three students attend aerospace program

All systems were go for two local educators and three students who experienced a week-long intensive aerospace training session at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Ala., in June.

Student trainees attended three different rocket center programs. Katie Yates, a sixth grade Parkway student, experienced Space Camp. Katrina Benson, Granite City High School sophomore, selected Space Academy Level I for her first aerospace experience. Rebecca Schwab, GCIS graduate and Salutatorian of the class of 1993, chose Space Academy Level II.

Parkway teachers Nancy Bishop and Jane Isenburt joined 15 other educators from across the United States for "Space Orientation: A Hands-on Program for Educators."

Admission included a bus tour of NASA's nearby Marshall Space Flight Center where today's astronauts train at the Neutral Buoyancy simulator. During this week, Dr. Jeff Hoffman and fellow astronauts engaged in three-hour NBS training daily to ready themselves for the Endeavor Shuttle Mission currently scheduled for December. The STS-61 crew members will rendezvous with, repair and refurbish the Hubble Space



Telescope. Educators enjoyed an evening briefing from Astronaut Hoffman, a Ph.D. specialist in astrophysics from Harvard University.

Trainees experienced all phases of the space program. During their stay, students "lived" in tiny sleeping modules at Habitat I to realize close quarters accommodations. Each student became part of a 12-trainee team.

During a typical 17-hour day, a trainee may sample prepackaged space meals, build a space structure under water, participate in calisthenics, prepare for orbital and lunar missions, conduct an EVA (Extra-Vehicular Activity), go head over heels in the Multi-Axis Trainer, suit up in astronaut garb, construct and launch a model rocket, control the MMU (Manned Maneuvering Unit), and view an Omnimax film in the Space Dome Theater. From launch to landing, students experience both crew and mission control opportunities with the help of professional counselors.

In addition to the training

required of students, teachers also receive guest lectures from NASA staff trainers, rocket scientists and astronauts. Bishop and Isenburt visited the Teacher Resource Center to acquire packets of learning activities, astronaut prepared videos, and NASA computer software. Teacher water survival activities included suiting up in flight gear and parachute harness for a 36-foot drop into a lake, release from the chute, swimming under the inflated chute to a raft, then hand-paddling it back across the lake to the simulated helicopter rescue.

Walking the campus, trainees encounter Rocket Park, a collection of displays including a patriot missile, a full-size space shuttle with its rocket and boosters, and a 363-foot Saturn V rocket which took astronauts to the moon's surface. Visitors to the camp may also tour the training center that houses the rocket museum, the Omnimax Space Dome Theater, and all of the training simulators. All five graduating trainees received U.S. Space Camp

wings, a certificate, a color group photograph, a camp T-shirt, and for teachers, a flight suit.

Although full tuition NASA scholarships are not available for students attending the vacation and summer camps, students in grades four through 12 may call (800) 63-SPACE for application forms for spring and fall session competitions.

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Briefly

Receives education degree

Mary A. Elmore received a master of science degree in education at ceremonies held on Southern Illinois University at Carbondale campus May 16.

Elmore is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Pi Omega Pi and the Golden Key National Honorary Society. She is a member of the Women's Small Business Council of Southern Illinois, the State Company and Writers' Guild.

She is listed in the publication "National Dean's List, 1989," and "Outstanding College Students of America, 1990."

Elmore was recognized at SIU's Honor's Day for being an outstanding student in 1989, 1990 and 1991, and was on the dean's list in 1988-93.

She is also an apprentice master penman. Elmore has a bachelor of science degree in education and religious studies and liberal arts.

Elmore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Nickell of Granite City.



Elmore

Completes Vatterott course

Troy Triviski of Granite City recently completed a 60-week training program in heating, air conditioning and refrigeration at Vatterott College in St. Ann, Mo.

As a student in the heating, air-conditioning and refrigeration program at Vatterott College, Triviski received instruction in installation, maintenance and service procedures for heating and air-conditioning systems and in methods of servicing domestic and commercial refrigeration units.

Honored by College of Pharmacy

Stephen S. Branding of Granite City has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

Branding is the son of Richard and June Branding, and is a 1985 graduate of Granite City High School.

Third in state competition

A Ranken Technical College student, Jason Markell of Granite City, recently was awarded third place in Illinois Association of Electric/Electronic Educators competition.

Markell, who received the honor in the AC/DC Electronics Division, is a first-year student in Ranken's two-year industrial electricity program.

The IAEE established a regional program to recognize excellence among vocational students.

Ranken Technical College, founded in 1907, is a privately endowed, not-for-profit institution offering post-secondary trade and technical courses in conjunction with a strong general studies curriculum.



Markell

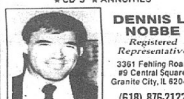
Named to SIUE

dean's list for quarter

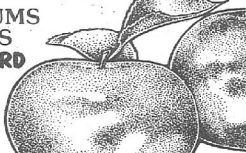
Ann Marie Mitchell of Granite City has been named to the dean's list for the summer quarter at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Mitchell is a senior majoring in speech pathology. She is the daughter of Phillip and Kathy Mitchell and a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School.

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Recognition — Scott Burch of Granite City, a recent graduate of the Radiologic Technology program at Belleville Area College, was honored by the Illinois Council on Vocational Educational with a Certificate of Recognition for his academic achievements and community service. The award was presented by, from left, instructor Sylvia Berutti, program coordinator Dottie Dillon-Bowers and instructor Carol Yovandich.

Schmedake named to dean's list at Knox College

Thomas Andrew Schmedake of Granite City, a senior at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., has been selected for the dean's list of distinguished students for the spring term of the 1992-93 academic year.

A total of 159 students received the honor, which requires a grade point average of at least 3.67 on a 4.0 scale.

A graduate of Granite City

High School, Schmedake is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Schmedake of Granite City. He is majoring in chemistry at Knox.

230 to attend
math academy

A total of 230 students from throughout Illinois have been invited to enroll this fall as members of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy's eighth sophomore class.

Area students selected include: EDWARDSVILLE: Angela Chiu, daughter of Chih-Ming and Chu-Hui Chiu; Daniel Tu, son of Wen and Fong Chen.

GRANITE CITY: Tricia Cavins, daughter of Patricia J. Cavins.

Chosen from a total of 714 applicants from 399 schools, the invited Class of 1996 represents 170 schools and 132 communities throughout the state. Students offered admission include 110 girls and 120 boys. The average SAT mathematical and verbal scores for the class are 635 and 535 respectively. This compares to the national average for college-bound seniors of 476 and 422.

LuAnn Smith, director of admissions, said that qualified applicants far exceeded the number of spaces available.

"The selection committee was extremely impressed with the credentials of all the applicants," she said. "The strength and diversity of the invited IMSA students enhance the education of all attending."

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Horoscope

The early part of the day is a slow start, so be patient with everyone, especially in traffic. Do background work, solitary tasks, filing and cleaning in the morning, so you'll be ready for a burst of energy in the afternoon. Whatever you absent-mindedly misplaced this morning shows up in the evening, after the moon enters smart Aries. Tonight, sports and other energetic relaxations are favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Expressions of love are favored in the morning, and you get some attention yourself this evening. Make appointments for haircuts and checkups. Tonight, parents are the focus. Give positive reinforcement.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Let your friend help. You'll be surprised how much others have to contribute if you just relax and let them. One who has a romantic interest in you is ready to say so. Are you ready to hear it?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Enjoy important visit or attention from bigwig. Interviews and reviews go very well, and your record looks good. Flirting is tempting, but is this person unattached? Arousing jealousy can be hazardous.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Travel is calling, but duty to family comes first. Chance comes to get away for the weekend with the kids. What you hand down to a child is valued greatly. Try that repair yourself, but be careful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Express feelings to one who needs to know how you feel. Traffic and parking can be frustrating, so leave early, and don't rush. Tonight, make plans with one you love for a trip just for two, you need it!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 2). Lots of ambition fires the entire year, and you've got extra smarts to help your grasp equal your reach. Enjoy extra cash and plenty of money-making opportunities in September and October. In November, get the latest information — take a class, learn a new skill or apply for advancement. In December, the home fires burn bright. In '94, powerful associates boost your effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Streamline systems that deal with routine. Make an appointment for self-improvement or health checkup. A co-worker needs your help. Responsibility without authority can mean taking the blame.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). All that extra energy can be used to get fit as well as get work done. You're about to decide which of your woosers is the one you wish to keep — in fact, you're about to make lots of new decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Expert advice is needed, so consult with professionals before taking big steps, especially in legal matters. Emotional wound from long ago may still be sore; deal directly with the problem to heal it now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A new romance can find you on a trip this weekend. Friends or colleagues have strong opinions, and it might be best to go along with them this time. Your favorite sport is favored right through Sunday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Home is where you want to spend the weekend, and you'll be happiest pattering with projects you've long wanted to tackle. Taking control at work and at home provides the feeling of security you seek.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give everyone your best goodbye, and take off for an independent action or parts unknown. Long-distance messages catch up with you, and an opportunity may be part of the deal. Be nice to authorities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Hard work comes easily now, so set short-term goals and dig in. Watch for jealousy in relationships — your own as well as everyone else's. Take advice offered by an expert. Insights are available.



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At the Movies

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

Aladdin animated triumph for Disney as the classic story of "Aladdin" is given exciting, adventurous life. Robin Williams steals the film as the voice of the Genie. Great for all members of the family. See it once, and you'll want to see it again. (***)
Rated G. Running time: 95 minutes. Greve, Cress, Lindbergh, Ritz, Cross Keys.

Another Stakeout Lukeavarm rebash of popular cops-as-buddies comedy from 1987. Comedienne Rosie O'Donnell joins Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez in this formula film with television-style laughs. (***)
Rated PG-13 (violence, vulgar language). Running time: 109 minutes. Northwest Square.

Cliffhanger

Not reviewed. Lindbergh, St. Andrews, Avalon.

Dave

Kevin Kline headlines a great cast in this improbable but funny story of an ordinary guy who gets to stand in for the president of the United States. Directed by Ivan Reitman. Very funny. Very enjoyable. (***)
Rated PG-13 (adult situations and language). Running time: 107 minutes. Greve, Cress, Lindbergh, St. Andrews, Cross Keys.

Dennis The Menace Disappointing film adaptation of popular Hank Ketcham comic strip. Even Walter Matthau can't pump much fun into this unhappy, so-called kids' comedy. Newcomer Madison Carrle leads the way. It may be a one-film career for the 8-year-old. (***)
Rated G. Running time: 92 minutes. Lindbergh, Village, St. Andrews, Cross Keys, Avalon, Rozans, Ritz.

Father Hood Not reviewed. Des Peres, Halls Ferry, Keller, Mid Rivers, St. Clair, Northwest Square, Esquire, Eastgate.

The Firm Unsatisfying, elongated film treatment of John Grisham's runaway best-seller about a young attorney who joins a law firm that then goes too good to be true. Tom Cruise and Gene Hackman headline. (***)
Rated R (violence, language and sexual situations). Running time: 145 minutes. Des Peres, Halls Ferry, Ronnie's, St. Charles, St. Clair, Northwest Square.

Free Willy Good children's story about a runaway boy and a captured whale who learn how they can help one another and set each free for a new and better life.

Rated PG for mild action levels. Running time: 105 minutes. (***)
Alton, Clarkson, Eureka, Kenrick, Jamestown, Mid Rivers, Ronnie's, St. Charles, St. Clair, Northwest Square.

Friday the 13th Not reviewed. Westroads.

The Fugitive Explosive feature film adaptation of the popular television series of the 1960s. Harrison Ford is ideal as Dr. Richard Kimble, the physician on the run who is wrongly convicted of murdering his wife. Tommy Lee Jones is chilling as the U.S. Marshal determined to catch him. (***)
Rated PG-13 for violence. Running time: 129 minutes. Clarkson, Eureka, Halls Ferry, Keller, Mid Rivers, Northwest Plaza, St. Clair, 66 Park Drive-In, Union Station, Crestwood, Regency, Esquire, Eastgate.

Hard Target Joe Claude Van Damme does what he does best in this martial arts mess about human bounty hunters. Van Damme plays a convict on the run who is wrongly convicted of murdering his wife. Tommy Lee Jones is chilling as the U.S. Marshal determined to catch him. (***)
Rated PG-13 for violence. Running time: 105 minutes. Clarkson, Eureka, Halls Ferry, Keller, Mid Rivers, Northwest Plaza, St. Clair, 66 Park Drive-In, Union Station, Crestwood, Regency, Esquire, Eastgate.

Jason Goes to Hell Tired, a stupid, violent continuation of the "Friday the 13th" bloodbaths, this time promising a more "realistic" killing for good. One can only hope. (***)
Rated R (violence and nudity). Running time: 95 minutes. Halls Ferry, Northwest Plaza, North Twin, Union Station, Quad.

Jurassic Park Spectacular film adaptation by Steven Spielberg of Michael Crichton's best-selling novel about an eccentric billionaire who clones dinosaurs and builds a theme park.

Heart and Souls Story about a little boy and four kindly ghosts who become an integral part of his life, both as a kid and an adult. Billed as a romantic melodrama, the film succeeds only at comedy — and not to a great degree. (***)
Rated PG-13 for adult situations and references. Running time: 104 minutes. Alton, Clarkson, Des Peres, Eureka, Halls Ferry, Kenrick, Mid Rivers, Ronnie's, St. Charles, St. Clair, Northwest Square, Galleria, Westroads.

Indecent Proposal The ever-engaging Robert Redford returns to the big screen as a billionaire businessman who offers a couple in need a million dollars if he can sleep with the wife. A moral fable, slight in script but well-packaged and fast-moving. (***)
Rated R (adult language, sexual suggestiveness and nudity). Running time: 118 minutes. Lindbergh, Village, Cross Keys.

In The Line Of Fire Clint Eastwood plays a tough-minded U.S. Secret Service agent trying to redeem himself 30 years after failing to save the life of President John F. Kennedy when Kennedy was shot in Dallas. The film is well-made, with John Mal Kovich giving a superb performance as an ex-CIA operative turned presidential assassin. Great last-minute finale. (***)
Rated R (violence and adult language). Running time: 129 minutes. Chesterfield, Halls Ferry, Keller, St. Clair, 66 Park Drive-In, Westport, Crestwood, Regency, Esquire.

King of the Hill Vivid, emotional adaptation of A.E. Hotchner's memoir from 1972 about growing up poor in St. Louis during the Depression. Excellent film. Strong cast. A sad but surprisingly inspirational tale. (***)
Rated PG-13 (adult situations and language). Running time: 104 minutes. Shady Oak.

Man Without a Face Appealing story of friendship and family turmoil set on a vacation island off the coast of Maine in 1968. Mel Gibson directs and stars in this story of past tragedies and future promises. (***)
Rated PG-13 (adult language and sexual references). Running time: 114 minutes. Clarkson, Northwest Plaza, St. Clair, Crestwood, Galleria, Westroads.

The Meteor Man A comedy flop about a Super-mutype hero for ghetto kids in Washington, D.C., as conceived and played by Robert Townsend. A big waste of time. (***)
Rated PG (mild violence). Running time: 100 minutes. Halls Ferry, Union Station.

Much Ado About Nothing Inventive and brilliantly talented actor-film maker Kenneth Branagh adapts Shakespeare's lusty romantic comedy to the screen in a most pleasurable fashion. This inviting motion picture includes a strong cast. Branagh's Oscar-winning wife, Emma Thompson, co-stars. (***)
Rated PG-13 (one scene of partial nudity). Running time: 111 minutes. Westport.

Rating guide: *** excellent; ** good; * average; * poor. Films without stars have not been seen by a Journal critic.

Ron Moore to appear in Collinsville

New Life 91 hosts Ron David Moore in concert Friday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at the Miners Theater, 204 W. Main in Collinsville. Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door.

A free-will offering will be received. Tickets are available now at area Christian book stores, and at the WIBI studios in Carlinville.

Ron David Moore has just built a solid reputation and income as a songwriter in the country music industry — when he decided to throw it all away.

For 10 years, this talented songwriter wrote numerous hits for country music stars like T. G. Sheppard, George Jones, Conway Twitty, George Strait, Alan Jackson, Joe Diffie, Tammy Wynette and Mickey Gilley. He toured as a country musician about 250 days a year, and for his efforts, he received a substantial income.

But in November 1989, he turned back on all of it. He rededicated his life to Jesus Christ and as a result, he no longer desired to write the songs he had been writing.

He had been using drugs and

alcohol, and his heavy touring schedule had placed his marriage in jeopardy, but when he gave his life back to Christ, those things turned around.

"The benefits of writing country music are great in terms of money and success," states Moore. "But I am finding out that those things are not the most important things. The important things are God, my family and then my career."

Since October of 1990, Moore has been a gospel recording artist with Warner Alliance, a division of Warner Brothers Records. Moore has experienced a great deal of success with his first two albums.

His debut album, "The Vision's Clear," featured "Weary By Now," a song that reached No. 1 on the Inspirational chart and No. 2 on the Adult Contemporary chart. His second album, "My House," has featured three hit singles, "There's Somebody Out There," "My House," and "Who Have You Been Talking To."

Moore has also established a reputation for concerts that are intimate and personal, yet a lot of fun.

"When I'm doing a concert, I love to have fun," Moore said. "Fun is part of what we do. When you come to one of my concerts, you're going to have a great time. And you're going to be ministered to also."

WIBI is a non-commercial listener-supported Christian radio station featuring contemporary Christian music and family-oriented programs like Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family. WIBI, at 91.1 FM, has translators in Granite City, (90.1 FM) and Alton (105.5 FM).

For more information about the concert or Ron David Moore, call WIBI at 217-454-4800. Ticket locations include:

• Sunshine Unlimited Books, 4025 Pontoon Road, Granite City, 797-0420.

• Something Old, Something New, 107 1/2 E. Main, Collinsville, 345-4563.

• Kingdom Treasures, 1540 W. Hwy. 50, O'Fallon, 632-7218.

Songs often refer to mail

By Bill Beggs
Correspondent

Nowadays you can mail your letters after licking Elvis Presley or Otis Redding postage stamps. The mail has been a metaphor occasionally visited through the rock era.

1. Who had a No. 3 hit on *Billboard's* Hot 100 Singles chart in 1970 with "Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours"?

2. "Rock And Roll Love Letter" was a minor hit for what band?

3. What was Elvis Presley's No. 2 hit in 1962 featured in his movie "Girls! Girls! Girls!"?

4. What was a No. 10 hit in 1964 for The Beatles?

5. Who hit No. 1 in the fall of 1961 with their debut pop-chart hit, "Please Mr. Postman"?

6. Ketty Lester had a No. 5 hit in 1962 with what song?

7. Who hit No. 2 in 1969 with the incredibly sexist song, "Take A Letter Maria"?

8. Of the three artists who charted with the song, which had the biggest pop hit with "Sealed With A Kiss"?

9. What was a huge No. 1 hit — seven weeks in the summer of 1957 — for Pat Boone?

10. "The Letter" was a No. 1 hit in 1967, which of the three artists credit? What two other artists

had top 40 hits with this song? ANSWERS: 1. Stevie Wonder 2. Bay City Rollers 3. "Return To Sender" 4. "P.S. I Love You" 5. The Marvelettes 6. "Love Letters" 7. R.B. Greaves 8. Brian Hyland 9. "Love Letters In The Sand" 10. The Box Tops (Extra credit: The Arbors; Joe Cocker)

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Chuck Norstadt (Nick Stahl, left) and Justin McLeod (Mel Gibson) find a mutual interest in "The Man Without a Face."

Gibson shows promising skill as director in 'Man Without a Face'

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

Mel Gibson makes a respectable bow as a director in "The Man Without a Face," a sweet yet sometimes hokey story about a disfigured rescuee and a young boy from a disjunct family.

The story takes place on an idyllic vacation island off the coast of Maine. It's the summer of 1968.

A troubled adolescent boy, played by Nick Stahl, has just arrived on the island for the summer. Accompanying him are his bad-mannered teenage sister, played by Fay Masterson; his tom-boy little sister, played appealingly by Gaby Hoffman; and his much-married mom, played by Margaret Whitton.

The boy is worried and confused about what happened to his real father. Mom loves him, but readily admits motherhood is not her strong suit.

When the boy stumbles into

the life of the rescuee, played in a no-nonsense fashion by Gibson, he discovers the man once was a teacher at an exclusive boy's prep school. Needing to pass the entrance exams for a prestigious military academy, the boy asks the rescuee to tutor him.

This begins a relationship between the two, a relationship that eventually turns tragic and forces some of this film's dramatic issues to the forefront.

"The Man Without a Face" is an appealing film for adults and teens, but it's not suitable fare for the pre-teen crowd.

It is hampered by an overly melodramatic finish that doesn't fit with the film's earlier honesty.

"The Man Without a Face" has enough delicate dramatics to make it an interesting choice. Gibson shows some promise as a director.

Rated PG-13 (adult language and sexual references). Running time: 114 minutes.